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WHITEAWAY'S

BRITAIN WON'T SEND FLEET TO FAR EAST

NO NECESSITY FOR FURTHER REINFORCEMENT

Ministers Not Anxious Over Hongkong Future

London, Dec. 22.
The Cabinet sat for four and a half hours to-day and reviewed the whole Far Eastern situation. It is understood it took the view that there was no necessity for substantial naval reinforcement there, and it is believed any question involving the despatch of battleships and large cruisers would only arise as part of a concerted operation to meet some special emergency.
The Ministers did not appear perturbed at immediate prospects in Hongkong.
While it has been necessary to send a Note to Japan with regard to the incident in Hongkong territorial waters, which Japanese allegedly entered to seize a Chinese Customs cruiser, there appears to be no evidence at the present that Japan intends any deliberate infringement of that territory.

Further questions were put to Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, in the House of Commons to-day regarding the position of the Chinese Maritime Customs. The Foreign Secretary replied that as the Japanese authorities in Shanghai had not received instructions, he had instructed Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador in Tokyo, to communicate with the Japanese Government, and it had promised to expedite the despatch. He was not aware there had been any change in tenancy of posts held by Britons.

Replying to Lieut-Comdr. R.H. Fletcher (Lab.), Mr. Eden said he understood that it was not the case that pending the result of negotiations, the Shanghai Customs was de facto controlled by the Japanese.

Mr. Eden assured Mr. A. Graham (Cons.) who put a question to him on the subject, that all possible protection was being, and will be afforded British trade and interests in South China, but he had no information he could properly give the House.

Replying to Mr. A. C. Moring (Cons.) regarding the regulations still remaining in force concerning access to British-owned property, Mr. Eden said that while the position shows some slight improvement it is still unsatisfactory. The British authorities in Shanghai had spared no efforts to secure relaxation of the conditions imposed, but hitherto these had been unsuccessful. He had consequently instructed Sir Robert Craigie to make representations to the Japanese Government on this matter.—*Reuter*.

Washington, Dec. 22.
Regarding continued reports in the newspapers of a naval display, it is reliably learned that the Navy at present is confining itself to putting the fleet into proper condition to meet whatever calls may be made upon it in the future.
Naval authorities state that the fleet at present is about 85 per cent. efficient, but many hulls need scraping before the fleet can make a lengthy cruise. Also there is the scarcity of fuel ships and supply ships which must be remedied before action such as is speculated upon by the newspapers could be undertaken.—*Reuter*.

DRIVE ON HANGCHOW STARTING

Japanese Break Through At Mokanshan

Shanghai, Dec. 23.
Smashing through the Chinese defence in the long-heralded drive against Hangchow, Japanese troops claim to have occupied Mokanshan, popular mountain resort 30 miles north-west of Hangchow.

Japanese occupation of the resort followed several days of sustained attack against Tsing-shan-shih, about 40 miles from Hangchow. The withdrawal of Chinese troops from that city enabled Japanese units to proceed westward along the short road linking the Huchow and Hangchow highway.
Foreboding Japanese attempts to make a quick push against Hangchow, Japanese forces operating along the highway are reported to be striking against Wukiang, a strategic highway town north-west of Hangchow. At the same time other Japanese units are converging on Hangchow.
These opened an attack against Changnan, a railway town 18 miles from Hangchow. The renewal of concerted Japanese operations in this sector has followed the completion of extensive repairs along the railway.
Japanese armoured cars are reported to have been used in a spear-heading thrust along the railway. Other Japanese units are also driving towards Hangchow along the Shanghai-Hangchow railway and the Grand Canal.

These forces, it is believed, will soon join in launching a general offensive against Hangchow. Chinese defence positions around Hangchow are understood to be exceptionally strong. Crack divisions commanded by General Chang Fui-kwei have made extensive preparations to stem the Japanese offensive.

According to Chinese reports some 100,000 men are mobilised in the area to take part in the defence of the Chekiang-Anhui sector.
Meanwhile, heavy fighting is reported near Changpaling on the Tientsin-Pukow railway, 60 miles from Pukow. In a determined drive against Haichow, Japanese troops are stated to be throwing their main weight along the Tientsin-Pukow railway sector. Chinese troops defending the railway area are reported to have completed the work of erecting a new defence line near Pengpi.—*Reuter*.

London, Dec. 22.
The King and Queen, Queen Mary, and the Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose, left London to-day for the Christmas holidays at Sandringham.—*Reuter*.

China Being Forced To Turn To Russians

JAPANESE BURN TAICHI

Hangchow Attack Harassed By Mobile Chinese Invaders Admit Annoyance

Hangchow, Dec. 23.

Taichi, a small town on the Hangchow-Nanking highway north-east of Mokanshan, was burned to the ground following the occupation of the area by Japanese troops yesterday, according to a telephone message relayed to Hangchow through Wukang. Shortly after the Japanese entered the town they systematically set fire to the buildings, razing every structure within the town limits.

The Japanese have mounted a number of heavy field pieces at the bus station at Taichi as a precautionary measure against a counter-offensive by Chinese forces.

Several hundred Japanese plainclothes-men have appeared in a number of villages just behind Mokanshan, the famous Chekiang mountain resort. Chinese troops are being rushed to that area.

The same report adds that furious fighting is in progress at Minohsi, but details are not available at present.—*Central News*.

HARASSING JAPANESE IN CHEKIANG

Hangchow, Dec. 23.
Chinese mobile units operating over a scattered front in Chekiang are harassing the Japanese forces along the Nanking-Hangchow highway in the vicinity of Hsitsun and Ching-shan-shih. These forces have seriously handicapped the Japanese push towards Hangchow during the last two weeks.—*Central News*.

PLANES ATTACK LANCHOW

Langchow, Kansu, Dec. 23.
A fleet of 18 Japanese bombers carried out two raids over Lanchow, capital of Kansu province, on December 21, killing seven non-combatants in the western section of the city. During the second raid Chinese planes took to the air and drove the invaders away. No bombs were dropped during the last attack.—*Central News*.

STIFF FIGHTING NEAR HANGCHOW

Shanghai, Dec. 23.

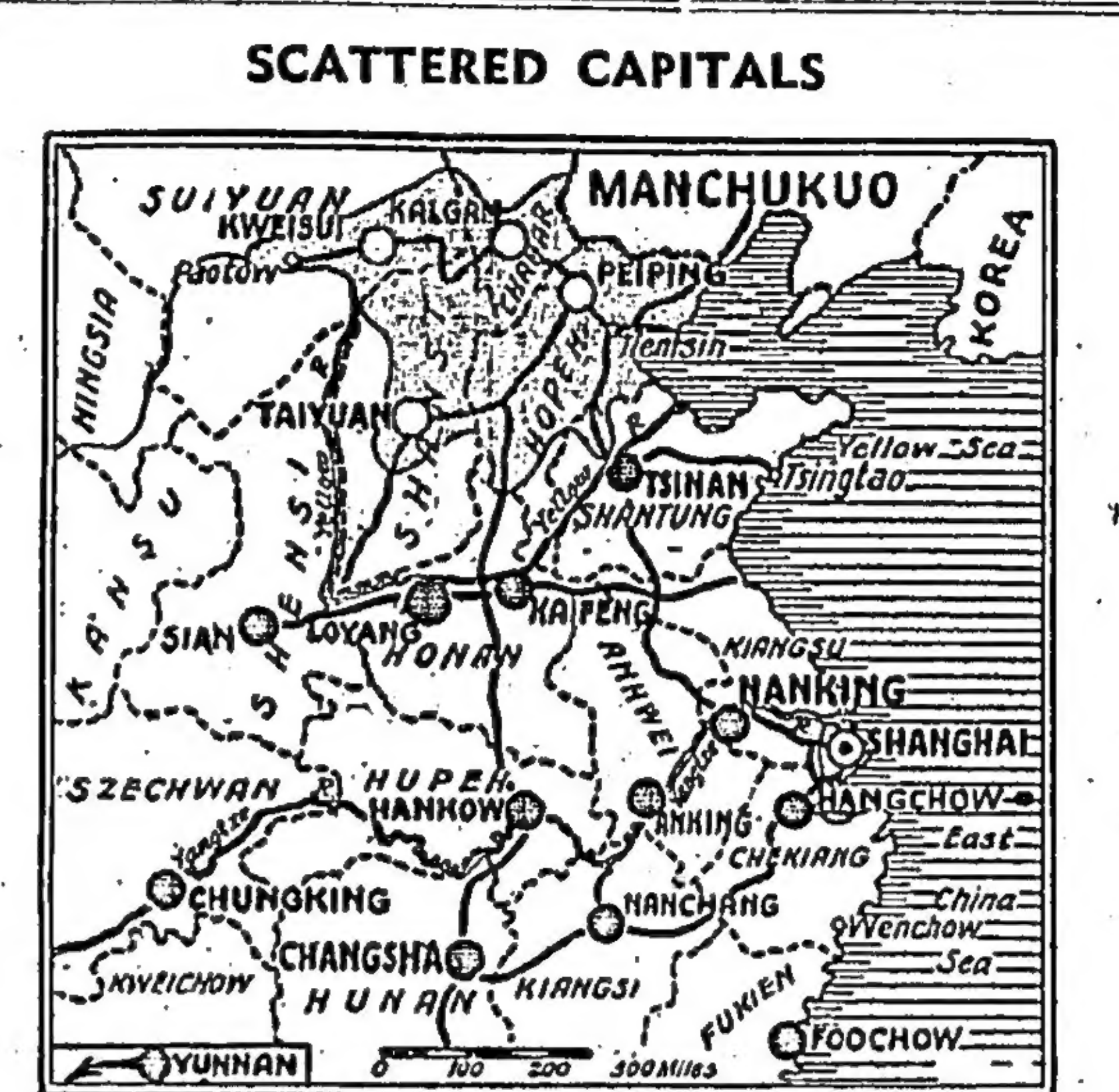
A Japanese Army spokesman admitted to-day that there were many Chinese troops behind the Japanese lines of action, between Shanghai and Nanking. Many had surrendered, but many more continued to harass the Japanese.

The Chinese "seem very hungry", he added.
There is heavy fighting in the vicinity of Hangchow, which city the Japanese hoped to occupy before the year's end. He said he hoped the Chinese would withdraw and permit the city to become a safety zone, because the Japanese appreciated Hangchow's beauty and historic value and did not wish its destruction. Hangchow, it is recalled, is a great Buddhist centre.

The spokesman said numerous Chinese soldiers are still facing the Japanese across the creek in the southern part of Wuhu.—*United Press*.

"ARMS KING" MAY VISIT HONGKONG

The Swedish "arms" king, Axel Wenner-Gren, owner of the luxurious steam yacht Southern Cross, which left Singapore on Sunday for Siam, hopes to visit Hongkong, China and Japan during the course of his world cruise.
The multi-millionaire manufacturer of the Bofors anti-aircraft gun and the Bofors 4-in. field gun will spend Christmas Day in Bangkok.



CHINESE SCATTER CAPITALS.—With Japanese pressing toward Nanking, the Chinese government has moved offices to various new seats of administration. Executive, legislative and judicial move to Chungking; finance, foreign, public health and communications go to Hankow and Changsha becomes a centre for war industries. Other departments may go to Loyang and Yunnan.

Japanese Now Admit Boarding U.S.S. Panay

Tokyo, Dec. 23.
The Japanese Foreign Office, in an interim statement regarding the sinking of the U.S.S. Panay, admitted the boarding of the vessel, but said that so far there was no evidence of machine-gunning. The statement said that the Japanese casualties in connection with the attempt to stop the Panay bombing numbered two dead and three wounded, including a Commander.

It is pointed out that the Japanese, after boarding the Panay, sighted a third steamer carry about 14 Chinese soldiers. Japanese troops on shore opened fire on this ship, named Lita, and launches pursued and captured it. The American ships were never a target, hence the allegations that the Japanese were firing at the Panay were made by those who misunderstood the firing at the Chinese vessel.

The statement concluded by pointing out that there were no hostile intentions regarding American ships and it was impossible that the Japanese should intentionally attack or trespass on any American ship.

"As a matter of fact," continues the statement, "the Japanese soldiers at the front are well disposed towards foreigners in general, especially towards Americans, as may be seen from the way the American wounded were cared for in the present case."—*United Press*.

GUARDS TO COME TO HONGKONG

Battalion Now At Bombay

London, Dec. 22.
The troopship Dunera departed to-day from Southampton to carry out the normal trooping programme.

She will call at Malta, India ports and Hongkong and will disembark the 1st Battalion, The Green Howards at Malta, from where it will take the 2nd Battalion of the Rifle Brigade to India.

The 2nd Battalion of the Scots Guards from Bombay will go to Hongkong in place of the 2nd Battalion the Royal Welch Fusiliers, who are normal part of Hongkong's garrison, but who are at present on temporary duty in Shanghai.

The Royal Welch Fusiliers at Shanghai will go to Port Sudan from where the 1st Battalion the Black Watch will embark for home on March 7.—*Reuter*.

CHIANG KAI-SHEK WOULD PREFER AID FROM BRITAIN, U.S.

MILLION LABOURERS NOW RUSHING ROADS WHICH WILL LINK TWO NATIONS

Shanghai, Dec. 22.
Observers are convinced that China is marching to the Left, although it is not indicated whether the Chinese Soviets will obtain control of the Chinese Government now or soon.

Chiang Kai-shek still wishes for Britain's and America's active support, but Russia is the only foreign nation which has so far given concrete aid, while the Chinese Reds have given their complete co-operation to Chiang Kai-shek, compared to some members of the Kuomintang, who are urging him to cease resistance to Japan.

The complete re-organisation of the Chinese Government's Central Military Council, including arming the Chinese Reds for guerrilla warfare, democratisation of the Government, and destruction of Japanese property have already been accomplished or are under way.

19 BURIED AS CASTLE WALL FALLS

Eight Families Perish
Nineteen were killed in the sudden, unheralded collapse of the ancient castle of Casereoli, 15 miles from Bari, which is in the same neighbourhood as Signor Mussolini's country house.

The castle walls fell in a roaring cataclysm of stone and mud upon four workmen's houses built about the castle's base, burying eight families. Five bodies were extricated and parties of soldiers and merchantmen are frantically working to find the remaining 14 people.

The collapse is believed to be due to the persistent rain during the past fortnight, causing a subsidence in the hillside on which the castle was built.—*Reuter*.

Support On Big Scale

Wide-scale indirect support by the Soviet of China is increasingly apparent.—*Continued on Page 4.*

Battle For Teruel

Insurgents Troops Hold Part Of City

Barcelona, Dec. 22.
Heavy fighting is reported inside Teruel, which the Government last night claimed had fallen into its hands.

This morning a communique says that Government troops have taken the southern part of the city, while the Insurgents are still resisting in the old section of the town across the river.
Insurgent reports do not mention the fall of the city but claim that the Government attacks were repulsed and that the defenders captured five tanks.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

CONTINUE DRIVE

Government troops are continuing their drive on Teruel which is expected to be completely occupied very soon. If Teruel falls it will be the nearest Loyalist town to the Mediterranean.
Observers stated that Teruel was intended to be the starting point of the insurgent drive against the Government in order to separate Catalonia from the next Government territory.—*Reuter*.

members of Congress seem to have forgotten the basic principle of partisanship and to have forgotten foreign affairs. Every Republican member of the House is behind the President in his demands for a Japanese apology and compensation guarantees," he added.
Representative Rogers of Massachusetts said: "Certainly there is no Republican in the House who has said anything which seemed to criticize Mr. Cordell Hull's position in connection with the sinking of the Panay."—*United Press*.

Tension In Tsingtao Declining

Looting Now Under Control

Tsingtao, Dec. 23.
All shops and banks have been ordered to open their doors to-day by the local Administration.
This order indicates that the situation, tense for several days, is improving.
Looting is under control. About nine looters have been executed and some 200 more are in custody and awaiting trial.—*Reuter*.

STOP PRESS

Booking In "Christmas Express"

Hankow, Dec. 23.
Preparations for the departure of the Christmas Express which will evacuate more than 300 foreign nationals to Hongkong, have been completed. Scores are booking their passages.—*Reuter*.
(Further Stop Press News on Page 16.)

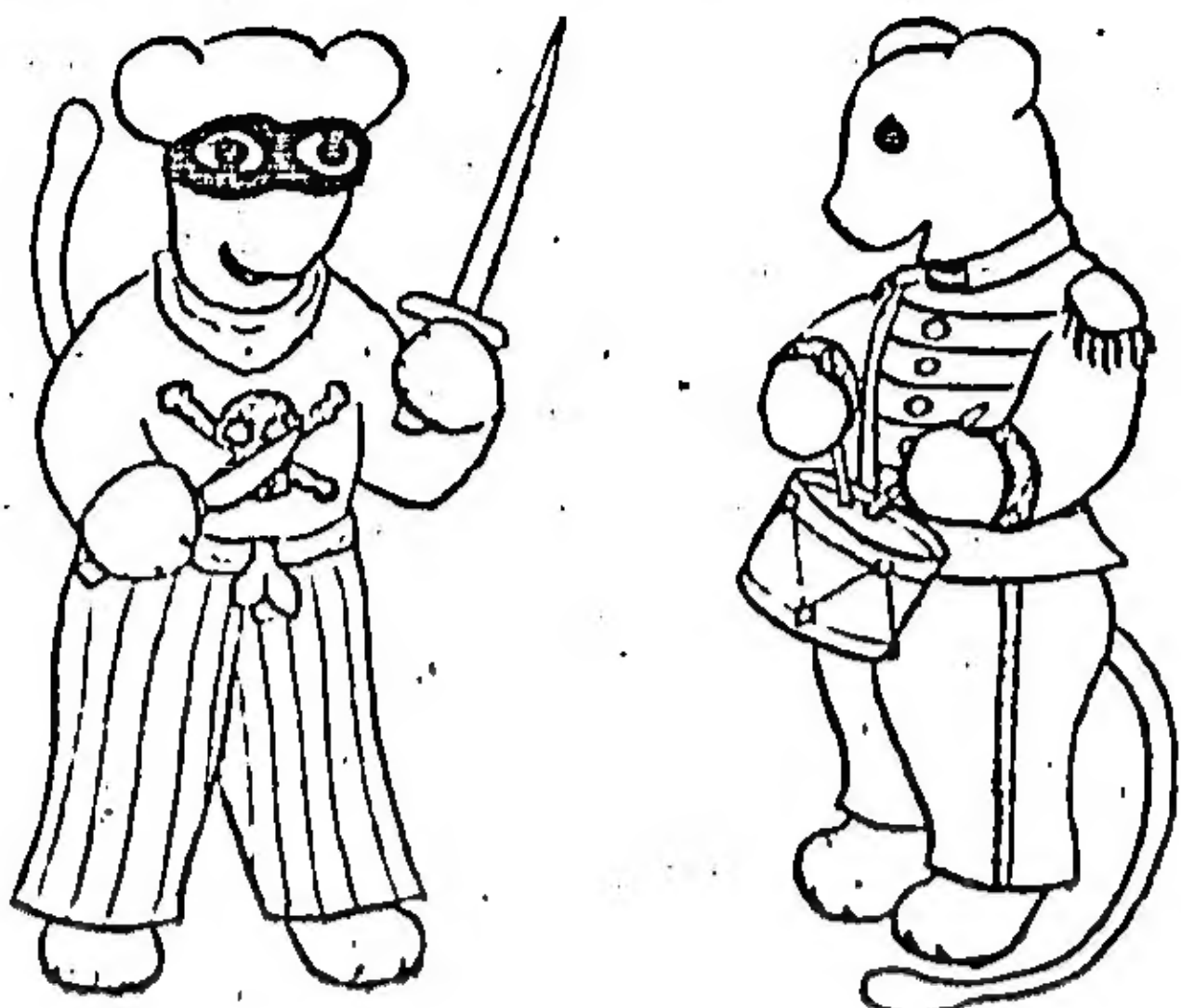
LONDON ATTACKS CRITICS

Defends American Foreign Policy

Washington, Dec. 22.
Mr. Alfred Landon, former Republican Candidate for President, yesterday assured President Roosevelt of the support of his party in any stand the Government took in the Far East.

In his message to the President Mr. Landon said that so many members of Congress of both parties seemed to have forgotten the basic principles of American politics, and by their actions helped to create the impression on foreign nations that "you must not trust your Administration in foreign affairs."
"These members are pursuing the same dangerous course followed by those members of the British Parliament who early in 1914 gave the impression that England either could not or would not fight under any circumstances," he went on.
A Republican member of the Congress said he had not the faintest idea what Mr. Landon was talking about when he said that.

CUBBY in FANCY DRESS



PIRATE.—Make this outfit from a pair of pyjama trousers and a jersey. Cut out the skull and cross-bones from any piece of black material. Round the neck a grey handkerchief; over the eyes a mask.

DRUMMER-BOY.—Sew a strip of braid up the sides of the trousers and round cuffs and coat of a pair of pyjamas. Sew across the chest. You can make epaulettes by covering stiff canvas and sewing on tassels.

PRACTICAL JOKER

The Life of the Party

"GILLY gilly gilly," remarked the magician behind the counter, and the green handkerchief in his hand suddenly blushed scarlet. "Gilly gilly gilly," he repeated, helping himself to a bright new penny from mid-air. "It's all very simple," he went on. "Take the penknife trick. The movement of the hand generates electricity in the atmosphere which works on the surface of the penknife, thereby extracting the colour from it and leaving a plain white surface, and then—" "Thank you," said one of the audience in front of the counter. "All very, very simple; and, of course, there aren't two penknives. Oh, no!"

Must know the magic Words

"No. But you need magic words, gilly gilly gilly," said the magician. "Or, for the second best, abracadabra. And now let's look at the Magic Dice."

He paused to take breath. "Don't you dance? Don't you sing? Never mind, they may laugh when you sit down at the piano, but you'll be the lion of any party with this simple little trick." He began waving his arms in the air.

The magician lives at a shop in New Oxford-street, where you can buy anything from a demon double box illusion at £30 to a sixpenny lump of sugar with a false fly on it. The practical joke side of his trade is booming just now. Every day schoolboys leave the shop with parcels which are apt to make mysterious noises when squeezed. These parcels are responsible for a lot of trouble.

Starts him Off

First of all, father washes his face with soap which turns it black, lights an explosive cigar, and gets an electric shock when he picks up a match-box.

Feeling that he must get his own back on somebody, he brings home to mother wooden cigarettes which zip out of the packet in a playful stream.

Mother catches the idea of the thing, and at the Christmas tea-party plates of canvas muffins and rubber cakes are handed round by a giggling family.

The injured guest who has just taken a tough mouthful of canvas retaliates by saying: "Cardboard jam, of course!" and holds a pot of the genuine stuff upside down over the carpet. Which probably brings the party back to their senses.

But not for long, if little Johnny has his way. Just give the grown-ups time to forget, and he'll let loose the clockwork mice, calico snakes, and wailing bananas which he has held in reserve.

If you want to hear that contented sigh— Put plenty of mince in

by HOME PAGE COOK

THE most disappointing pie in the world is a mince pie with out any mince in it.

There are two ways of achieving this. The first is either to omit the mince altogether, or else to enclose so little in your pastry that even total omission would look less stingy than the brace of currants which remain.

Letting them Leak

The other way is to fill your pies so full that they spring a leak while being cooked. In this instance the substance of the mince-meat may be left, but all the juices and flavours will have evaporated in the baking tin.

So obviously more than half the art of making mince pies is to cram them with mince right up to the danger line, but not beyond.

Having crammed them, brush the edges of the bottom paste with white of egg, and press the upper half securely down, closing the edges tightly with the finger tips.

Two sorts of Pastry

The pastry should be either puff or rough puff.

For the former use equal weight of flour and butter, a squeeze of

lemon juice, cold water, and a pinch of salt.

For the latter use equal parts of butter and lard, with twice their weight in flour.

Do not cut your pastry immediately after you have rolled it out.

well beaten up.

Recipe for cheese and

spread for sandwiches,

biscuits, or toast fingers. Pound

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a sufficiency of grated cheese. Add

salt and paprika or ordinary pepper.

Mix to a consistency with an egg

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THE FIRST UNCENSORED MESSAGE FROM RUSSIA IN TEN YEARS

The first completely uncensored message from Soviet Russia in the last ten years was made available to the *Sunday Chronicle* recently.

It tells the truth, the whole truth about Stalin's amazing ten-year reign of terror, hitherto hidden from the world.

It reveals how millions of people were driven to exile, slave labour, starvation and death in the wilderness of Siberia.

5,000,000 Victims of Stalin Terror

Here is the message:

The Soviet Government's record of consistent persecution of the Russian people during these 10 years has been unbroken.

Executions Without Trial

Even in the periods of comparative quiet, such as between the end of the famine in the autumn of 1933 and the murder of Kirov in December, 1934, routine and undramatic executions without trial continued throughout the country; the forced labour battalions continued to dig canals and lay railroad tracks; fear and sudden punishment continued as the most important elements in the nation's political life.

One simple test should suffice to prove the essentially terroristic character of the Stalin era; namely, the use of the death penalty for "crimes" which in civilised countries are misdemeanours.

Offences which at one time or another during the 1927-37 decade were made punishable by death include:

- Killing a cow without official permission;
- Hoarding copper and silver coins;
- Stealing State property (in the U.S.S.R. this really means theft of any kind);
- Attempting to leave the country without permission;
- Refusing to return to the U.S.S.R. from foreign countries when ordered to do so;
- Agitating in any manner against the Soviet system of government and economy.

The balance sheet of 10 years of Stalin's reign is meaningless if it does not include the following items on the debit side:

Dispersal of the Opposition—This, the opening scene of Stalin's overlordship, involved the exile to harsh climates and distant areas not merely of the leaders (Trotsky, Zinoviev, Kamenev, Radek, Platakov, Rakovsk, Preobrazhensky, etc., etc.), but tens of thousands of their followers.

Ordeal of Political Exiles

Many of them were allowed to return, but even more were constantly being sent out to Siberia, Central Asia, and the Far North.

The violent liquidation of those in the slightest measure disagreeing with Stalin has gone on without a day's interruption. There are at this moment more political exiles in Siberia than ever under the Czars—most of them being punished, it happens, for harbouring the same sort of revolutionary ideas.

Engineer-baiting.—The famous Shakhly trial in May, 1928, was the signal for a nation-wide persecution of engineers and technicians which lasted for fully three years. Hundreds were shot on the thinnest evidence and on mere suspicion of sabotage, thousands were herded into concentration camps.

Liquidation of the Kulaks.—This has been described even by friends of the Kremlin as "the most spectacular act of ruthlessness in those years."

Sidney and Beatrice Webb, likewise beyond suspicion of exaggerating in the Kremlin's disfavour, estimate that 1,000,000 peasant families were liquidated.

Five people being the accepted average for a Russian peasant household, their estimate means 5,000,000 men, women and children.

Children Left to Die

Hundreds of thousands were loaded into cattle cars and unloaded in northern, Siberian, and Central Asiatic wildernesses to shift for themselves.

Hordes of others were denuded of their belongings, often including overcoats and boots, and driven into barren districts in their own vicinities.

Disease and exposure killed off a vast number, the mortality being especially high among children and the aged; others died in the gruesome struggle to adjust themselves to the harsh conditions of the places where they were dumped.

Droves of children were left behind by desperate parents to roam the land as *besprizhnyy* or homeless waifs. Probably the whole history of mankind will reveal few tragedies of Governmental terror to match the liquidation of the Kulaks.

The most moderate estimate of deaths would be 10 per cent., or half a million. The total of suffering is beyond computation. Mass Executions of Scientists.—Two especially startling acts of official ruthlessness deserve a place to themselves in the balance-sheet of the decade.

In 1930 the Government shot 48 professors at one time, without trial for alleged sabotage of the food industries. In 1933 it shot similarly 35 experts in the agricultural commissariats.

In both cases the "evidence," in the form of supposed confessions published posthumously, bore plenty of internal evidence of police tinkering and contained many childish and impossible statements.

Police As Taskmasters

Development of Forced Labour.—As a sort of by-product of mass exiles, an extensive system of what was virtually slave labour came into being with the G.P.U. Police as taskmasters.

Most foreigners here estimate the population of concentration camps, G.P.U. barracks on the construction sites, and similar places at 2,000,000.

The building of the Baltic-White Sea canal alone involved 250,000 prisoners, tens of thousands of whom died in laying new railroad lines in Siberia and the East.

"Valuta" Tortures.—Beginning about 1930, and continuing for several years, the Government on an organised basis rounded up people suspected of possessing valuta.

That is, foreign money, gold, or silver, and precious stones. They were put through weeks and months of third-degree torture until they disgorged, if they had anything to disgorge.

In Moscow and Leningrad alone the victims totalled tens of thousands, and the scourge was conducted on a nation-wide scale.



MAY LOSE TITLE—Princess Baba, daughter of the English Rajah of Sarawak (northern Borneo), shown with her fiancé, Bob Gregory, 25, European wrestling champion claimant, at Ards airport near Belfast, Ireland. Her father, Sir Charles Brooke, objects to the engagement. Princess Baba, otherwise known as Valeria Brooke, is afraid she may be disinherited.

Woman Finds Mountains Under Arctic Ocean

By Louise Morgan

A woman has discovered a hitherto uncharted range of submarine mountains between Jan Mayen and Bear Islands, in the Arctic Ocean.

She is Miss Louise A. Boyd, American Arctic explorer, now in London on her way home from her fifth Arctic expedition.

CLIMATE'S EFFECT ON CANCER

By a Medical Correspondent
A man living in London is only half as likely to die of cancer of the skin as another living in Lancashire. But the chance of his getting cancer of the lung is nearly half as great again.

These facts are revealed in the annual report of the British Empire Cancer Campaign, issued to-day.

RAINFALL A CAUSE

Experts studied the death rates from cancer in the counties and towns. They found that it attacks different parts of the body in different localities.

There is some factor in the external conditions that decides where the tumour will appear.

But this has no effect on the amount of cancer as a whole in the district.

The rainfall may be one cause. In the skin, cancer is commonest in wet climates, while in the bladder it is commonest in dry, probably because there more moisture is excreted by the skin.

A dry climate calls for more drinking, and cancer of the gullet is more frequent.

RADIO MAY CURE

Experiments with short-wave wireless showed that it is similar to radium in its effects upon cancer growths.

It acts by heating the tissues. The waves were able to cure 30 tumours in mice.

To protect radium workers from the dangers of exposure, further research has been made.

Young animals were exposed to the rays. This slowed down their growth and produced a very low birth rate among them.

The exact amount of exposure during treatment can now be accurately measured. Very strict precautions are necessary to prevent contact with stray rays.

FILMS OF GROWING CELLS

A method has been discovered for measuring by slow-motion cinematography the growth of the minute body cells.

They are placed in fluid in an incubator and the action of different substances can be examined. Extracts from glands and from bone marrow promote growth.

Muscle extracts from young animals are also effective, but the activity soon disappears when they grow older.

"How important this finding is it is too early as yet to say," she told me at her Mayfair hotel, "but in this area previously no soundings under 1,000 fathoms have been made."

"We were able to map out thoroughly a considerable area in which the depth was only 350 fathoms. When our sounding charts are worked out we shall find the area is probably even shallower."

HER 60LB. CAMERAS

Miss Boyd was leader and photographer of the expedition, which was financed by her under the auspices of the American Geographical Society of New York. Her specialty is camera mapping, a highly technical scientific process, and her cameras weigh 60lb. each.

She left Alesund, Norway, in the sealer *Veslekari* on June 1 to study the formation of fjords and glaciers in North-East Greenland. Meteorological observations were also made for the Norwegian Weather Bureau and soundings taken on the way north through the ice.

With her went Dr. Richard Flint, geologist and glaciologist, of Yale University, and his assistant, Mr. Lincoln Washburn; Dr. Henry Austin, head of the department of Botany, Duke University; Mr. Fred Buhler, surveyor; Mr. James Le Roy, hydrographer.

They were gone four months, with five weeks on land between the opening and closing of the ice. "We were 300 miles north of the nearest settlement and thousands of miles away from the nearest ships," she said.

Field observations and camera mapping, combined with detailed mathematical calculations, will enable the contours of uncharted fjords and glaciers to be accurately plotted out.

Every Cyclist 'Has A Right To His Wobble'

Solicitor James Yates, of Formby (Lancs), sued for damages at Liverpool Assizes after his car collided with twenty-two-year-old cyclist John Mark Davies, who was killed, pleaded that the cyclist seemed to wobble in front of his car.

Mr. Justice Wrottesley: "Every cyclist is entitled to his wobble."

The judge added that Yates had "cut it too fine," awarded £425 damages against him.

SPECIAL EMPIRE CABLES

RADIO PROGRESS IN INDIA

Calcutta. Proof that India is becoming more radio-minded is furnished by the latest figures of the import duty on receiving apparatus, and of revenue from wireless licences.

In the past year the import duty figures have risen 20 per cent, and the licence figures 30 per cent.

The statistics are particularly significant because Indian broadcasting is still poorly financed, undeveloped and lacking in trained men.

Football in Calcutta.—Islington Corinthians, the London amateur association football team, received a most enthusiastic welcome on arriving in Calcutta. The members were decked with garlands and cheered by an enormous crowd. The first match against a first-class Indian team ended in a goalless draw. The visitors, who were rather puzzled by their bare-footed opponents, show signs of being a difficult team to beat.

Canada

SOCIAL CREDIT TRIAL

Montreal. The trial of Mr. G. F. Powell, the London Social Credit expert, on a charge of defamatory libel, has been postponed until to-morrow. His counsel asked for an adjournment to introduce new evidence.

Mr. Powell denied having any part in the preparation of the leaflet known as "Bankers' Trades," which cited the names of nine Edmonton citizens.

Trips to the Arctic.—Ellesmere Land in the Arctic has the "healthiest climate in the world," according to Mr. Edward Shackleton, who is making a lecture tour in the hope of raising £1,800 to cover the deficit incurred by the Oxford Expedition to the Arctic in 1934 and 1935. He thinks that Canadians will soon be making holiday trips by air to the Arctic.

South Africa

RIISING PRICES OF FOODSTUFFS

Johannesburg. The Dairy Board's decision to cancel further imports of butter is considered here to be a gamble against the weather. There is as yet no sign of a break in the drought in the areas which supply the Rand with dairy produce.

Only 60 per cent. of local requirements is being produced at present, and it is believed that rationing is inevitable this week.

The position in regard to rising prices of foodstuffs is daily becoming worse. To-morrow deputations representing the Housewives' League, the National Council of Women, the Trades and Labour Council, and the Miners' Union will interview the Minister of Agriculture, Col. Reitz, and a further deputation of railwaymen will discuss the same matter with the Minister of Railways, Mr. Pirow.

Elephants' Park.—The Addo Bush, near Port Elizabeth, Cape Province, famous for its elephants, has been proclaimed a national park. A scheme has been devised for feeding the animals by placing piles of oranges in a clearing.

Natives Sentenced.—Two natives who tried to burn their grandchild to death because she killed one of their fowls have each been sentenced to five years' imprisonment with hard labour in the Circuit Court at Kroonstad, Orange Free State.

N. Rhodesia's Prosperity.—The continuing prosperity of Northern Rhodesia is reflected in the speech of the Governor, Sir Hubert Young, at the opening of the Legislative Council session at Lusaka. Native taxation will probably be lowered, and other tax reliefs include 6d off the petrol duty and remission of the entertainment tax.

Australia

BATHERS' KILLED BY SHARK

Sydney. Two bathers have been killed by a shark at Coolangatta, a watering-place on the border of Queensland and New South Wales.

The victims were Norman Girvan, 16, and Jack Brinkley, 25, both of Coolangatta. A shark attacked them while they were surf-bathing. Girvan was killed instantly and Brinkley badly injured. Brinkley had to have his left arm amputated in hospital, and died the next day.—Reuter.

Kill Kidney Trouble Quick

Thousands of sufferers from kidney trouble and bladder weakness have stopped getting up nights, leg pains, circles under eyes, swollen ankles, nervousness, stiffness, rheumatism, diarrhoea, lameness, burning, itching, urinary acidity and loss of vigour by a Doctor's new discovery called Cystex (Bristol). Cystex starts purifying your blood, brings new health, youth and vitality in 48 hours. Guaranteed to end your troubles in 4 days or money back. Get Cystex at all chemists.



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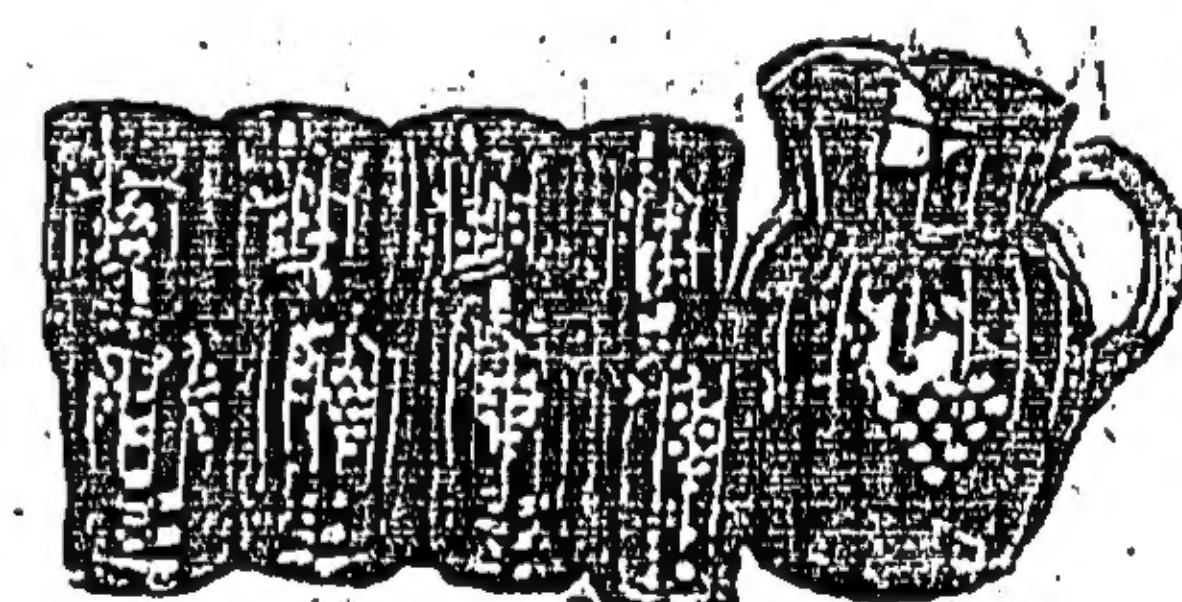
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ON COMMUNISM
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REVIVED
DICTATORS FEARED
AND ADMIRERCommunism's "deadly attack"
on Christianity, and the menace of
dictatorships, were discussed by the
Dean of St. Paul's, Dr. W. R.
Matthews, in a lecture at Lincoln's
Inn Chapel recently.Dr. Matthews referred to Nietzsche,
the German philosopher, as the first
great modern writer to aim a fierce
blow directly at the heart of
Christianity. There were very many,
he said, who were inspired to some
degree by Nietzsche's crazy teaching."Is it not literally terrifying,"
asked the Dean, "to observe the
cunningness with which kindly men and
women will speak of and even ap-
prove the extermination of whole
classes and social groups? Men who
abhor murder on a small scale ap-
prove it when it is wholesale enough
to describe it as 'liquidation'.""Nor can we fail to notice that
there is, in many quarters, a revival
of power politics in its most bar-
baric form. The doctrine that might
is right is a short summary of
Nietzsche's theory, and it has a
mighty following in the contemporary
world."

"LAWS FOR HIMSELF"

"You have no doubt observed that
the idea of the hero who makes laws
for himself and for other people, too,
is a potent one to-day. The dicta-
tors are not only feared, they are ad-
mired."Nietzsche's maxim, "Live danger-
ously," was not out of harmony with
the ethics of Jesus, but there were
different kinds of heroes.In Germany recently, continued Dr.
Matthews, he read the following in-
scription: "To redeem a people one
must think heroically." It was quot-
ed, he believed, from Herr Hitler
himself.The question still arose: What
kind of heroic thinking; what kind of
hero? If the hero was to be of the
Nietzschean type, with the will
for power, then we must prepare our-

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Government
Ordinance, the Exchange Banks
will be closed for the transactions
of public business on Saturday
and Monday, the 25th and 27th
December, 1937. (Christmas Holi-
days).

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1937.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS
of the Sale by Public Auction
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day of December, 1937, at 3
p.m., at the Offices of the
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that immediately after the dis-
posal of the lot the Purchaser
(if not the applicant) will be
required to deposit with an
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present at the sale, the sum of
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DANGEROUS KINSHIP

It had often been pointed out that
the Communist movement had many
of the marks of a religion. It gen-
erated from unselfish enthusiasm. It
had a mythology, and even something
resembling sacraments. It also had a
strange resemblance to primitive
Christianity. Indeed, because of its
kinship, it was Christianity's most
deadly enemy.Its attack on Christian morality
was most deadly, because it spoke not
merely out of an adept and critical
intellect, but a heart on fire with a
great vision. But we should have to
inquire whether any earthly Utopia
could serve the deepest longings of
man's heart and whether he would
ever be at home in a terrestrial
paradise.MAINTAIN
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anteeing the largest morning and
afternoon circulations.Make 1938 a more prosperous year by
using the two leading newspapers.DEATH RATE
HALVED IN LAST
100 YEARSMEDICINE'S DEBT TO
NOVELISTS
SIR A. MacNALLY &
SLIMMING PERILSFROM A SPECIAL
CORRESPONDENTProgress in the nation's health
during the century between the
Coronation of Queen Victoria and
that of King George VI. is reviewed
by Sir Arthur MacNally, Chief
Medical Officer of the Ministry of
Health, in his annual report.The crude death rate has fallen
from 22.4 to 12.1 per 1,000 during
the period. The infant mortality
rate is now 50, compared with 153.Sir Arthur writes:
"Royal Commissions may recom-
mend, blue books may be issued,
single-hearted and able experts like
Chadwick, Simon, Southwood Smith
and John Snow may expose disease
and insanitary conditions and in-
dicate paths of necessary reform but
all this is of little avail if the public
conscience is not awakened to co-
operate.""The British public in the Vic-
torian age read novels with a pur-
pose. It was through the books of
four novelists—Charles Dickens,
Lord Beaconsfield, Charles Kingsley
and Mrs. Gaskell—that the public
conscience was impressed and stirred
to support health and industrial re-
form. Preventive medicine owes
impressed and stirred to support
health and industrial reform. Pre-
ventive medicine owes these writers
a debt of gratitude."Lord Beaconsfield's novel "Sybil"
gave an impulse to factory legisla-
tion by its account of child slavery
in mines. His Government passed
the Public Health Act, the "Magna
Carta of public health."Charles Kingsley wrote in "Alton
Locke" of the sweated tubercular
tailors, and in "Two Years Ago" of
the ravages of cholera.Charles Kingsley were in "Alton
Locke" of the sweated tubercular
tailors, and in "Two Years Ago" of
the ravages of cholera.Most successful in quickening the
public conscience was Charles Dic-
kens, with "Oliver Twist," "Martin
Chuzzlewit," and "Bleak House." He
dealt with the Poor Law, the nursing
profession, and slum property.Sir Arthur says later, "It is not
too much to say that the present
generation's success in handling many
of the problems of tuberculosis derives
from King Edward VII's interest in
anti-tuberculosis measures."More than 100 acts affecting public
health have been passed in the last
quarter of a century. The Maternity
and Child Welfare Act of 1910 saves
of about 42,000 newly-born yearly.
In 1910 social services cost £55-
000,000. In 1934 this had risen to
£427,000,000. No other nation pro-
vides out of current revenue, social
and health services on this scale.Last year the number of births
registered was 605,292, as against
599,756 in 1935, an increase of 5,536,
and representing a birth rate of 14.8.
This rate compares with 14.7 for
1935 and only just equals the rate
for 1934. It is 0.4 above the rate for
1933, which was the lowest re-
corded.Infant mortality has risen from
57 to 59—the same as in 1934.
Deaths last year were 495,704, com-
pared with 477,401 in 1935, an in-
crease of 18,303.The crude death rate of 12.1 com-
pared with 11.7 in 1935. The stan-
dardised death rate was 9.2 compared
with 9.0 year except 1935.During the past five years the pro-
portion of deaths due to diseases of
the heart have steadily risen, while
the proportion due to tuberculosis
has fallen from 69 to 57. The can-
cer proportion has risen, with varia-
tions, from 125.NUTRITIVE MILK SHAKE
Dealing with the supervision of
foodstuffs, the report mentions the
development of milk bars. It states:
"There can be no question about the
nutritional value of the average
milk shake. It would be in the in-
terest of the milk-bar movement,
as well as of consumers, that any
products dispensed are free from
risk of criticism—which might be
directed to the use of flavouring
materials—which could contribute
preservative substances to the milk."A practice of facing certain classes
of tea with talc, gypsum and Prus-
sian blue is stated to constitute an
offence.Discussing "slimming" agents, Sir
Arthur MacNally states: "No slim-
ming drug should ever be taken ex-
cept on medical advice. It is per-
haps not too much to say that there
is one drug—dinitrophenol—which
should not be taken in any circum-
stances.""Dinitrophenol cannot be obtained
now except on a medical prescrip-
tion. The physician who orders it
undertakes a heavy responsibility, for
medical literature is strewn with re-
cords of disasters from its use."Of cosmetics, Sir Arthur says that
hair dyes of vegetable origin seem
to be innocuous. Those which
depend on paraphenylenediamine or
its derivatives may give rise to der-
matitis of the scalp.MORE DYSENTERY
The report also states that the
number of dysentery cases notified
during 1936 was 1,333, compared
with 1,177 in 1935 and 763 in 1934.Sir Arthur comments that in 1933
many cases of illness described as
gastroenteritis and gastric influenza
were found to be describable as
bacillary dysentery.Since that warning the number of
notifications has greatly increased.
The latest figure may be regarded as
a nearer approximation to be true
prevalence of bacillary dysentery in
Great Britain.Italian Urges
Return Of
Lost ColoniesSays It Would Help
To Preserve Peace

Rome, Dec. 22.

The suggestion that France and
Britain should return to Germany her
former South African colonies is
made in an article in the *Popolo
d'Italia*, signed by the cousin of the
King of Italy.The article states that Germany, by
destroying the Versailles Treaty and
re-militarising the Rhine, has con-
tributed towards the peace of Europe,
as these acts indicate the strength
of Germany and will prevent aggres-
sive nations from attacking her.The article added that if the French
and British governments understood
the necessity of such acts, they would
return the colonies as a contribution
towards the peace of Europe.—Reu-
ter.SPECIAL EMPIRE
CABLESALIEN SETTLERS IN
AUSTRALIA

Melbourne.

The arrival in Australia of in-
habitants of Southern European
countries and the drifting away of
British citizens continue to an alarm-
ing extent.Since July, 1936, foreigners ar-
riving have numbered 2,500—an
excess of arrivals over departures
of 1,400. This excess is almost
double that of last year.The arrivals of British citizens
numbered 5,800, against 7,200 de-
partures."Informal Voting."—According to
the Chief Electoral Officer women
are chiefly to blame in Victoria for
the abnormally "informal" voting in
the Senate election. The complicated
system of preferential voting—in-
dication by the voter of her prefer-
ence for all candidates, whether
there be two or more—confuses
them, and a new method of grouping
candidates is urged.Senator Brennan, who has been
defeated, suggests that many voters
show greater knowledge of stable
forms than of Australian politics.
The Socialists are now assured of
13 seats in Queensland, though the
situation is still obscure.Malignant Malaria.—The malady
from which two men have died on
board the British steamer
Trefusis, 5,299 tons, is malignant
malaria. The vessel arrived at
Albany, Western Australia, from
Cape Town and the Chief Officer
was among the victims of the out-
break. It is believed that the infec-
tion was contracted at Dakar, West
Africa.FREAK STORM IN
GWALIOR

Calcutta.

Extraordinary events during a
severe rainstorm during the night
near Jhansi, Gwalior, so impressed
the village priest that he called the
community to prayers.Unusual rumbling noises preceded
a blinding flash of light across the
sky towards the earth.In the morning a dwelling house
was found burned to ashes despite
the rain. A man and a woman were
dead, crushed by large stones. They
are believed to have been struck by
a meteorite.Tremors near Dam.—Suggestions
that recent tremors in the neigh-
bourhood of the Cauvery-Mettur
Dam, 180 miles south-west of
Madras, have been due to the im-
mense load of water impounded
there have now been definitely dis-
proved. The tremors are due to
natural causes connected with earth-
quakes in North India. The water
impounded by the Cauvery-Mettur
Dam is two and a half times the
quantity impounded by the Assuan
Dam.VITAL STATISTICS IN
RHODESIA

Cape Town.

According to figures quoted in the
Legislative Assembly at Bulawayo,
Southern Rhodesia, Rhodesians live
long and die poor."About one in every five Rhodesians
of European descent is over 60 years
old and is living on less than £3 a
month."This was revealed in a statement
made by the Minister of Finance,
when asking the House to increase
the provision initially made for old-
age pensions.The Minister stated that the num-
ber of applicants qualified for a pen-
sion was 2,975, equal to 22.6 per
cent. of the whole white population.
—Reuter.

STUDYING WITHDRAWAL

London, Dec. 22.

The Non-Intervention Committee
to-day agreed on all outstanding
points regarding the mandate to be
given the Commissions to be sent to
Spain to supervise the withdrawal of
foreign volunteers. It is anticipated
the preliminary work will start about
December 31.—Reuter.CHINA BEING FORCED
TO TURN TO
RUSSIANS

(Continued from Page 1.)

evident with Russian planes and
aviators, together with the reported
"token" shipments of guns and
tanks.Chinese reports state that 1,000,000
Chinese labourers are constructing a
new road 3,000 miles long from China
to Russia through Kansu and
Chinese Turkestan, with a branch to
Urga, through Ninghsia, replacing
the Urga-Kalgan route, which the
Japanese have cut off.The construction of these new
highways may be compared to the
building of the Great Wall of China.
Shipments will be possible in a
fortnight instead of several months.
Many Chinese engineers from Ameri-
can universities are engaged on the
task, which, however, will not be
completed for several months.

Forced Into Communism

It is pointed out that making the
Chinese Government Communist has
so far not been desired by the ruling
groups in China, but that it is being
forced on China by Japanese aggres-
sion, which thus operates against
Japanese aims in combating the
Sovietisation of Asia.Foreign military authorities think
that due to sparseness of the popu-
lation of Outer Mongolia, the Mongols
have not forgotten the resentment
they have against the Chinese Gov-
ernment's misrule in the Peiping
military era.It is believed that it will only be
possible to raise 100,000 Outer
Mongolians, trained in the Soviet
Army, which it is believed that
Russia will not permit, because she
does not desire to weaken Com-
munist's defences when the Japanese
Army has roughly 1,500,000 men on
the Asiatic mainland.However, possibly the figure of
1,500,000 is an exaggeration and
Russia may be willing to permit the
Outer Mongolians to try their mettle
if the Japanese attempt to drive a
wedge deeper to the west of Suiyuan
province.—United Press.

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SHIFTS RESPONSIBILITY

Washington, Dec. 22.
President Franklin Roosevelt in a
letter to Mr. Wilburn Cartwright,
Chairman of the House and Roads
Committee, reaffirmed his intention
with regard to Federal spending
during the new fiscal year, and
asserted that Congress and the
Democratic Party "must accept full
responsibility" if the President's
budget estimates are exceeded.—
Reuter.SHIPS IN WIRELESS
COMMUNICATIONThe following ships are expected
to be in wireless communication with
the Hongkong Radio Station: Turbo,
Mulan, President McKinley, Shin-
kyo Maru, Alexia, Ranpura, Houtman,
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POST OFFICE.

HONGKONG RADIO TELEGRAPH
SERVICE.XLT Telegrams conveying Christ-
mas and New Year Greetings will be
accepted by the Radio Office for
transmission via Radio during the
period from December 14, 1937 to
January 6, 1938, both dates in-
clusive.(a) The charge for telegrams to
places in China will be based
on One Fourth of the ordinary
rate and to other places on One
Third of the ordinary rate.(b) The minimum charge for all
places will be for ten words.
Further particulars may be obtain-
ed on application at the Radio Office.CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR
CARDSChristmas and New Year cards
bearing not more than five written
words and enclosed in open envelopes
accepted by the Post Office at the
rate for printed matter, i.e. 5
cents per 2 ounces for all countries.
Hongkong, China and Macao at
2 cents per 2 ounces.
Envelopes must not be closed.

SHANGHAI AIR SERVICE

Air Mail Service to Shanghai is
temporarily suspended.

VIA SIBERIA ROUTE

Letters and Postcards for Europe
and South America are forwarded
"via Siberia" if so superscribed.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

On Saturday, December 25, the
General Post Office and Kowloon
Central Post Office will be open from
9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The Sheungwan
Branch Post Office will be open from
9 a.m. to 10 a.m. and also from 7 p.m.
to 8 p.m. and the other Branch Post
Offices will be entirely closed. There
will be one collection from the pillar
boxes, one delivery of ordinary cor-
respondence as on Sundays and one
delivery of registered correspondence at
11 a.m.On Monday, December 27, the
General Post Office, Kowloon Central
Post Office and other Branch Post
Offices will be closed, but postage
stamps may be obtained at the back
counter of the G.P.O. from 8 a.m. to
noon. There will be one collection
from the pillar boxes as on Sundays.
Ordinary correspondence will be sent
out for delivery at 11.30 a.m. and 4.00
p.m. Registered correspondence at
4.00 p.m. only.The Money Order Office will be
entirely closed during the Holidays.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are
closed 15 minutes earlier than ordi-
nary mail given below unless otherwise
stated, and where mails are advertised
to close at or before 9 a.m., registered
and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.
on the previous day.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Date and Time.
Straits and Holhow	Mulan	December 23
Swatow	Newchwang	December 23
Japan	Atsuta Maru	December 24
Straits	Burdwan	December 24
Straits, Manila and London Parcel	Mannan	December 24
Japan and Shanghai	Ranpura	December 24
Calcutta and Straits	Sulung	December 24
Straits	Conte Verde	December 25
Japan	Deucalion	December 25
Saigon	D'Artagnan	December 25
Haiphong	G. G. Paul Doumer	December 25
Japan and Shanghai	Scharnhorst	December 25
Saigon	Barents	December 25
Air Mail by "Pan-American Air- ways Direct Service"—San Fran- cisco date, 15th December.	Pan American Airways Plane	December 26
Shanghai, Foochow and Swatow	Shantung	December 26
Bangkok and Swatow	Yingchow	December 26
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 18th December	Imperial Airways Plane	December 27
Japan	Rakuyo Maru	December 27

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Due
Manila	Thursday	
	Silverwain Thurs.	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hatching	Dec. 23, 8.30 a.m.
Bangkok	Arden	Thurs. Dec. 23, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Szechuen	Thurs. Dec. 23, 3.30 p.m.
For Bayard	Talpoosek	Thurs. Dec. 23, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Sirdhana	Thurs. Dec. 23, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for Wuchow, Kweilin, Kweiyang and Chungking by the "C.N.A.C. Airways Direct Service"	C.N.A.C. Plane	Thurs. Dec. 23, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Dec. 23, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 23, 5 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Dec. 23, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Dec. 23, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 24, 6 a.m.

Friday

Samshui and Wuchow	Chung On	Fri. Dec. 24, 8.15 a.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Kalgan	Fri. Dec. 24, 8.30 a.m.
Air Mail for North China (via Han- kow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (To further points by surface transport as Services per- mit).	Eurasia Plane	Fri. Dec. 24
Kobeon	Reg.	Dec. 24, 9 a.m.
Japan and Europe via Siberia	On Lee	Fri. Dec. 24, 10 a.m.
Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and Europe via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Cana- da only)—due Vancouver B.C., 12th January, 1938.	Emp. of Canada	Fri. Dec. 24
Holhow, Faochow and Haiphong	Parcels	Dec. 24, 1 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thurs- day Island 6th January, 1938.	Reg.	Dec. 24, 2.15 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Mar- seilles, 21st January, 1938.	Ord.	Dec. 24, 3 p.m.
	Kingyun	Fri. Dec. 24, 3 p.m.
	Atsuta Maru	Fri. Dec. 24
	Reg.	Dec. 24, 5 p.m.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Fri. Dec. 24
	Parcels	Dec. 24, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Dec. 25, 9.45 a.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 25, 10.30 a.m.

KOREAN UNREST
REPORTEDGOVERNMENT HOUSE
ALLEGEDLY BOMBED

Seoul, Korea, Dec. 21. Revolutionary activities are running high in Korea and especially at Seoul, the capital. The Japanese authorities are suppressing the news. It is reported that the Government House was bombed on December 19 and the bomb-thrower is believed to be a Korean. The Japanese Governor-General is reported to be unhurt, but several of his staff were severely injured.

Another incident took place on the same day when an official motor car was bombed. The occupants, the first Secretary of the Governor-General and two other Japanese officials, together with the chauffeur, were killed. The bomb was hurled at the car while it was travelling to Government House. The assassin escaped.—International.

OFFICIAL DISMISSED

Hankow, Dec. 22. Fan Han-sheng, Chinese Consul-General at Seoul, capital of Korea, was dismissed from office by an order of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued yesterday for his reported allegiance to the so-called "Provisional Government of the Republic of China" recently organised in Peiping.—Central News.

EXECUTION DENIED

Hankow, Dec. 22. Chinese reports to the effect that General Yang Hu, formerly Garrison Commander at Wosung, has been executed here on charges of failing to carry out his duties, have been officially denied. General Yang is at present in Hankow, alive and well.—

CHINESE OFFICIALS

Arrive in Colony by Air
From Hankow

Mr. Foo Yu-lin, member of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang Party, accompanied by Dr. Andrew Lee of National Economic Relations Committee of the Chinese Government, arrived in Hongkong by air last Thursday from Hankow.

Asked whether it was true that Dr. Sun Fo of the Legislative Yuan had already left Hankow for Russia, Dr. Andrew Lee answered that he had heard nothing about it. However, he stated: "China's acceptance of Moscow's assistance does not mean in any way that China is going to be a Communist nation." It is understood that the two gentlemen are here on some private affairs and will return to their posts in a short time.

YANGTSE FLOTILLA

The Yangtze Flotilla of I.M. Navy has signalled the Admiralty informing their relatives and friends that they

CHRISTMAS DAY IN
THE FLEET

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all of us since we were children. And among the congregation there will be many misty and moist eyes, for the sailor is a simple and emotional being.

Christmas Rounds

After Church, hands are "piped down," and word is passed about the leave to be given. Official ceremonial and routine are over for the day, but there is yet a time honoured and traditional custom to be carried out. The Captain and Officers have still to go the rounds of the mess decks to see and admire the decorations, here and there sampling the Christmas fare and being given black and dangerous looking cigars, and occasionally an even more dangerous "tot" of rum (for rum is heady stuff) with which to drink the health of a mess.

In bygone days these Christmas rounds were somewhat of an ordeal, and many are the officers who have returned to their own messes wondering exactly where they are going to stow their Christmas dinners and how they are going to face smoking the various strong and villainous looking forms of tobacco generously showered on them by the mess decks.

Visit To Messes

By the time rounds have finished guests from other ships and from the "beach" are arriving. The Gunroom and Warrant Officers go across and visit the Wardroom, and will each in turn be visited by officers from the other messes. Before noon the various messes will be filled to overflowing with guests and many of the wives of officers living in the port will have found their way down to some particular ship.

Lunch on board is a movable feast, nominally starting at noon and on Christmas Day it is invariably late much to the annoyance of the officer's cooks, who like all good cooks hate to see a good meal spoilt by delay. After the lunch hour all is quiet on board. Those not required on board for duty are gone on shore, those remaining on board are sleeping off a heavy meal.

In other days Christmas Day would virtually be over by this time, but in these days of wireless, loud speakers are fitted up so that those remaining on board may enjoy carol in the evening.

Late on Christmas night or early on Boxing Day morning sailors are again aloft removing the Christmas decorations, and as light comes on Boxing Day there can be seen only the grim, tall masts and trim tidy yard-arms of self-respecting and sober battleships.

are safe and well, and wishing them a Happy Christmas. The signal will be broadcast at Home.

SERVING GIRL
GETS FREEDOMALLEGED "OWNER"
HIT HER WITH POLE

On three charges of keeping an unregistered mul-tai, Keng Chuen-yu, 17, at No. 122 Queen's Road East, first floor, on December 9, ill-treating the girl, and assaulting her, Yu Chan, 36, married woman, appeared on bail of \$250 before Mr. R. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday, when she was discharged on the first two counts, and fined \$25 on the third.

Mr. W. M. Brown appeared for the defence, and Inspector H. W. Fraser, of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, prosecuted.

According to the girl, she had been sold to defendant by her mother for \$100 when she was seven years old, and had to do the usual work of a mul-tai. The alleged assault took place on December 9, when the girl alleged defendant had struck her with a bamboo clothes hook because she failed to get a dress ready in time.

Defendant denied the assault, saying the clothes hook had accidentally fallen on the girl's head, when she was attempting to unhook a clothes drying pole on the ceiling. The girl, defendant claimed, did not have to do much work in the house, and was paid from one to five cents daily for mending clothes.

Mr. Brown submitted that it had not been proved that the girl was a mul-tai, contending that it was unusual to pay mul-tai, as defendant had said she had done.

His Worship agreed with Mr. Brown with regard to the first count, saying he would give defendant the benefit of the doubt. On the second count, he said he did not think defendant's treatment of the girl was unreasonable in her class of old-fashioned Chinese families, but he felt that corporal punishment of the kind defendant had meted out to the girl on December 9 was unjustified, and she was therefore fined \$25 on the third count. In passing sentence, his Worship remarked that it was rather a bad case of assault.

Inspector Fraser told the Court that the girl did not desire to return to defendant. Meantime, she would remain in the custody of the S.C.A., while efforts would be made to trace her relatives.

UNREGISTERED GIRL

Canton Couple Fined For
Not Reporting Mul-tai

Coming to Hongkong from Canton a week ago, a man and his wife brought with them their mul-tai, and instead of reporting the girl's presence in the Colony to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs at the earliest possible moment, they waited until Tuesday to do so. As a result of this they were charged with having kept an unregistered mul-tai, having brought her here on December 17.

RADIO BROADCAST

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(Piano) and Members of the State Opera House Orchestra, Berlin; Conducted by Hans Rosbaud. 10.20 Violin Solos by Yehudi Menuhin.

Sarabande and Tambourin (Leclair-Sarante); Danse Espagnole ('La Vida Breve') (De Falla-Kreisler); Minstrels (Debussy); Flight Of The Bumble-Bee (Rimsky-Korsakov-Hartmann).

10.30 Kirsten Flagstad (Soprano) & Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra of New York.

Siegfried Idyll (Wagner)....Orch. Cond. by Arturo Toscanini; A Swan, Op. 23, No. 2 (Ibsen, trs. Henzen-Grieg); Et Hab, Op. 20, No. 1 (Paulsen-Grieg)....Kirsten Flagstad with Piano accomp. by Edwin McArthur; Apparent Sorcier (After a ballad by Goethe—Paul Dukas)....Orchestra. Cond. by Arturo Toscanini.

DAVENTRY PROGRAMMES

7.20 a.m. The Central Band of His Majesty's Royal Air Force.

8 a.m. Empire Exchange.

8.15 a.m. Piano Solo Recital by Guy Jonson.

8.40 a.m. The News and Announcements.

Greenwich Time Signal at 9.45 a.m.

9 a.m. Big Ben. The Signature is...

9.15 a.m. Big Ben. Cotton and his Band.

10 a.m. Big Ben. Quarterly Technical Talk-1.

11.15 a.m. The BBC Empire Orchestra, conducted by Clifton Hellwell.

10.55 a.m. The News and Announcements.

11.15 a.m. 'Welcome Yule.' A programme written by David Keen.

4.15 p.m. Big Ben. Peter Dawson, with the BBC Male-Voice Chorus and the BBC Theatre Orchestra is coming.

5.25 p.m. Instrumental Music.

5.53 p.m. The News and Announcements.

Greenwich Time Signal at 5.43 p.m.

5.53 p.m. The Chamber Music of Schubert (Section A).

6.15 p.m. The Trocadero Cinema Orchestra.

8.20 a.m. At the Black Dog. Mr. Wilkes at home in his own bar-parlour. Presented by Patrice Theatre Orchestra.

9.30 p.m. The News and Announcements.

Greenwich Time Signal at 9.45 p.m.

10.15 p.m. Big Ben. The Signature is...

11 p.m. The Band of His Majesty's Royal Marines (Plymouth Division).

11.45 p.m. Grace Fields.

12 a.m. The News and Announcements.

Greenwich Time Signal at 12.15 a.m.

12.20 a.m. 'As I See It'—A talk by H. G. Wells.

12.55 a.m. The Damsel. Al Collins and his Dance Orchestra.

2 a.m. Big Ben. The News and Announcements.

Greenwich Time Signal at 2.15 a.m.

2.20 a.m. The BBC Empire Orchestra; conductor, Eric Fogg.

3 a.m. 'At the Black Dog.' Mr. Wilkes at home in his own bar-parlour.

3.30 a.m. Recital by Dale Smith (Bartlett). 'Just So' Songs (Rudyard Kipling).

4 a.m. Jack Payne's Party.

5 a.m. Interval.

5.15 a.m. The News and Announcements.

Greenwich Time Signal at 5.30 a.m.

5.55 a.m. 'Welcome Yule.' A programme written by David Keen.

6.15 a.m. The BBC Orchestra (Section B), conducted by Clarence Raybould. Dorothea Braus (Pianoforte).

CHRISTMAS
FESTIVAL
SUCCESSNativity Play Staged
At Cathedral
Hall

Christmas, with its festivities, gaiety and holidays, is still a religious festival, and to celebrate and prepare for another anniversary of Christ's birthday, a nativity play, "The Hope of the World," by Father Andrew, S.D.C., was given in St. John's Cathedral yesterday, and was well attended.

The story is of the period before Christ's coming, with all the characters robed in the costumes of that time. It tells of the Promise made by the Prophets of the birth of a Great King, who shall be the Saviour of the World. From the time of the appearance of the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to the day of the birth of the Baby Jesus, the story relates the hopes and beliefs of the people of the land of Judah of the fulfilment of the Prophecy.

Mary and Joseph journey to Bethlehem, and on their way come up with a motley variety of people. There is Mary, a sinful woman befriended by Mary, Lazarus, an old man, soldiers of Herod, and a couple of robbers, Judas and Dismas. All the way, they speak of the coming King, and all wonder who he is and what he is like.

The three kings, Balthazar, Gaspar and Melchior, are seen in their distant land, discussing the same thing, and through the urgings of Gaspar, the dreamer, decided to journey to the west, taking with them gifts to the new King. There is Melzar, servant to Gaspar, whose duty it is to carry his master's golden crown as a present to the new King, thinking that the new King must indeed be a Great King for three kings like his master, Balthazar and Melchior to journey so far to pay homage.

The simple shepherds are seen in their fields. They had heard of some strange things, and to them Gabriel appears and announces that in the City of David, the promised King would be found, lying in a manger.

The valiant and crafty Herod, King of the Jews, is seen in his finest garments in his palace. He meets out punishment to two thieves, and follows this with music and dancing. The visit to his palace of the three Eastern kings, and their talk of another king, troubles him sorely, and his fear of a rival leads him to issue his cruel order to have all babes of two years and under slain.

The final act shows the courtyard of the inn at Bethlehem, Mary and Joseph are given shelter in the manger, the shepherds arrive, and following them are the kings, bearing their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, which they offer to the baby Jesus—the Hope of the World.

The characters are all played by members of the congregation of St. John's Cathedral and a few other helpers. The whole play is in five acts, and hymns are sung during the intervals. The play will be given again this evening at 8 p.m.

CHINA LINKED
TO EUROPE BY
NEW SERVICE

Hankow, Dec. 22. The Eurasia Aviation Corporation has announced it is inaugurating a service on December 23 to link Kuning and Hanol. The round trip will be made weekly on each Thursday, the plane leaving Kuning at 8 a.m. and arriving at Hanol at 10.45 a.m. It will leave Hanol at 11.15 a.m. and arrive at Kuning at 2 p.m.

This service will enable the air services in China to link with the service of Air France between Europe and Indo-China, and puts Hankow in aerial touch with Europe via India by the Eurasia planes from Hankow to Kuning and Hanol. It also connects Hongkong with Europe by this route, since both Eurasia and C.N.A.C. maintain services between here and Hankow.—Reuter.

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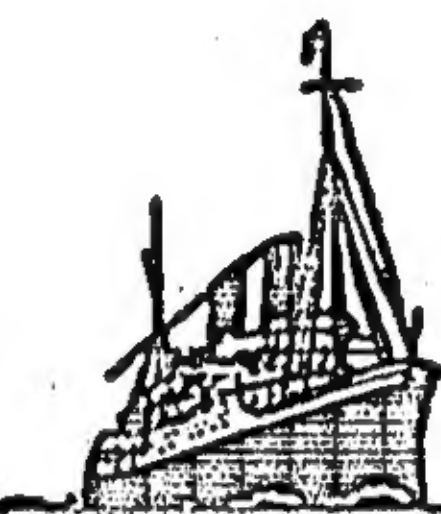
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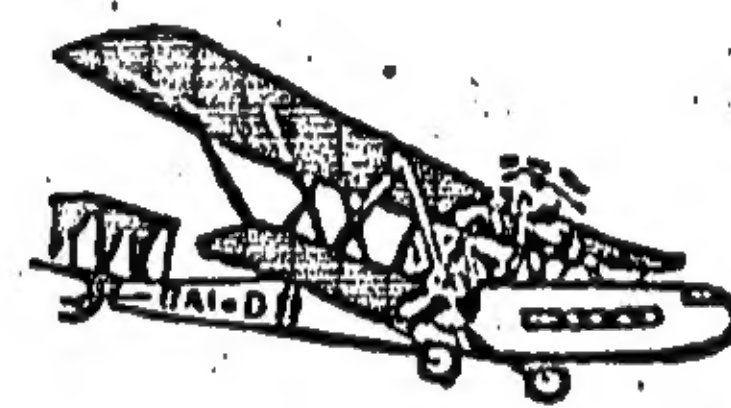
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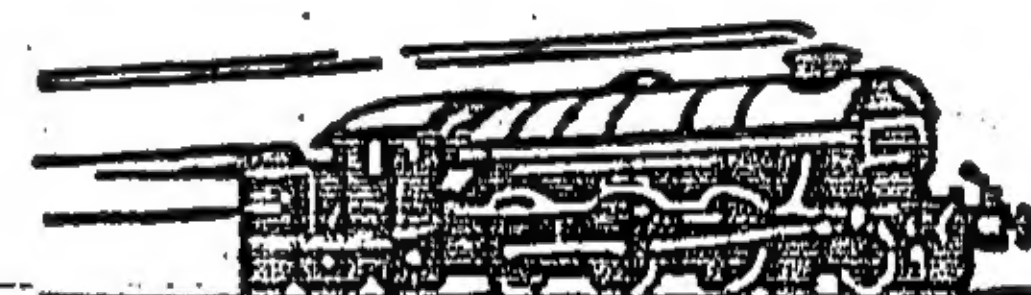
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SHE HEARS, DOES NOT TALK

(By Mary Welsh)

Doctors at Middlesex Hospital believe that Mrs. Ivy Smith, twenty-two-year-old mother who fell from an Oxford-street store roof to a sun-blind on August 14, may live for years in a semi-conscious condition.

It is thought that, just as an invalid who stays long in bed forgets how to walk, Mrs. Smith has forgotten how to talk. She has spoken no word since her fall.

She makes no response of any kind to noises or to the daily pleas of her young husband that she should speak.

It is believed that her fall thrust out of line the "sound track" or nervous co-ordination of her brain. It is also doubtful whether her hearing faculties are functioning.

Lately there have been other evidences that Mrs. Smith's nervous system is still seriously upset. Her muscles are in a constant state of tension, so that if her hands are moved they tremble and then snap back to their original position.

Only for her first three weeks in hospital was Mrs. Smith totally unconscious, it was revealed yesterday. During that period she lay, quiet as death, the pupils of her wide-open brown eyes not focussed, making no response to any sound or touch.

HUSBAND VISITS HER EVERY DAY

Suddenly one morning it was discovered that she had regained semi-consciousness. One of her attendants passed a hand in front of her eyes, and she blinked. That was a day of rejoicing for her husband, who has seen her every day since she was carried into the hospital.

On that night no one in the hospital thought Mrs. Smith would live, her breathing was so faint. All that could be done was to stitch up the wound in the back of her head—now completely healed—and inject blood, saline, and glucose into her veins.

Her condition would be extremely difficult to correct through surgery, I was told. Any of the

thousands of cells and fibres in her brain might be causing the semi-consciousness.

Nerve specialists who have studied the slim, dark-haired patient have voiced the possibility that, although she hears consciously, her sub-conscious brain refuses to allow her to respond. A normal person frequently does not listen unless he wants to reply, they point out.

Mrs. Smith's food now consists of elutriated milk fed through a tube every two hours.

A. J. Cronin Tells Nurses to Strike

New York, Dec. 1. Dr. A. J. Cronin, author of *The Citadel*, arrived here to-day in the Queen Mary. He is going to Hollywood, where his best-seller is to be filmed.

British nurses, he said, should follow the example of the Americans by forming unions and striking for better conditions.

He attacked the "health racket" of unnecessary operations and added:

"The rich can get pneumonia serum when it is needed; but can the poor get it? Certainly not! Socialised medicine is the only cure for present abuses."

"Japan is on the Road to Singapore"

General Sir Ian Hamilton, speaking at a dinner of the Royal Scottish Corporation in London recently, declared that Japan was on the road to Singapore, Britain's Far East base.

Nothing less than Europe, he said, could hold up the Emperor's advance. "How monstrous it will seem to posterity that throughout 1937 the European nations should have been quarrelling like dogs over a bone about Spain, which has not the smallest intention of allowing herself to be gnawed by any outsider."

"And this at a moment when we ought to be having military conversations between the general staffs—not of France and Britain alone, but of Europe."

"The Emperor is marching from the island of the Rising Sun. His road is clearly marked—Hankow, Hongkong, Singapore, Burma, Assam, Bengal."

"Nothing less than Europe can definitely hold up that army. 'Some may think I speak wildly. I do not. In 1919, as Inspector-General of Overseas Forces, I put a brigade on board ship at Singapore. 'I called out of sight of land and no one knew where I had gone. In the small hours I came back and captured the island with, I regret to say, the loss by drowning of two Sepoys of the 1st Brahmins."

CHINESE BULLION FOR LONDON

SILVER SENT TO SAFETY
From a Special Correspondent
During recent weeks millions of pounds worth of bullion, in the form of Chinese silver dollars, has been sent by the Chinese Government to London for safe custody during the fighting in China.

The latest consignment, consisting of several hundred tons, arrived at Tilbury on Friday in the P. and O. liner Cathay. Other consignments are on their way.

An official of an Eastern bank said that the bullion is sent from Shanghai via Hongkong.

"The consignments have been arriving almost weekly. The bullion is packed in boxes each containing 3,500 Chinese dollars."

"My report naturally comes under the Official Secrets Act, but the facts were a perfectly open secret. 'A land army can lay siege to and capture Singapore exactly as Fort Arthur was captured."

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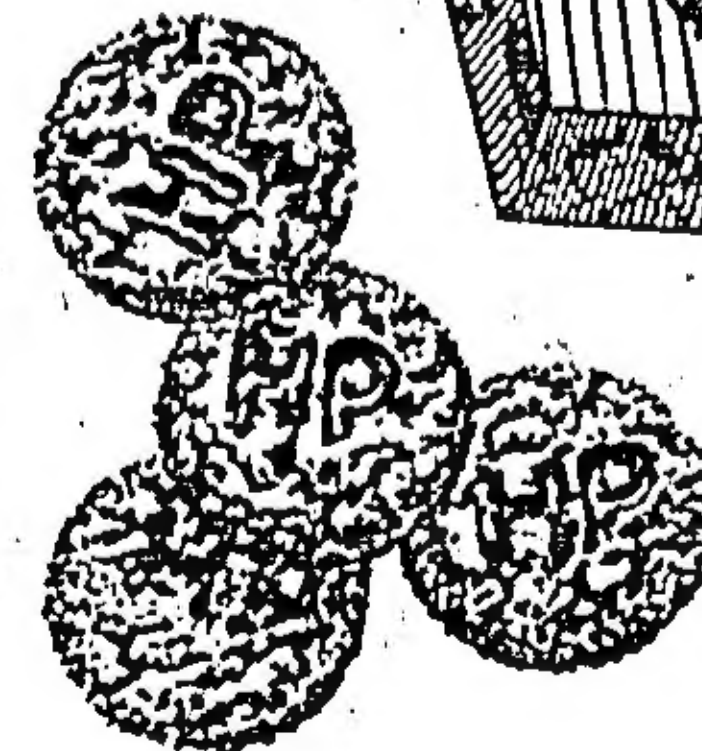


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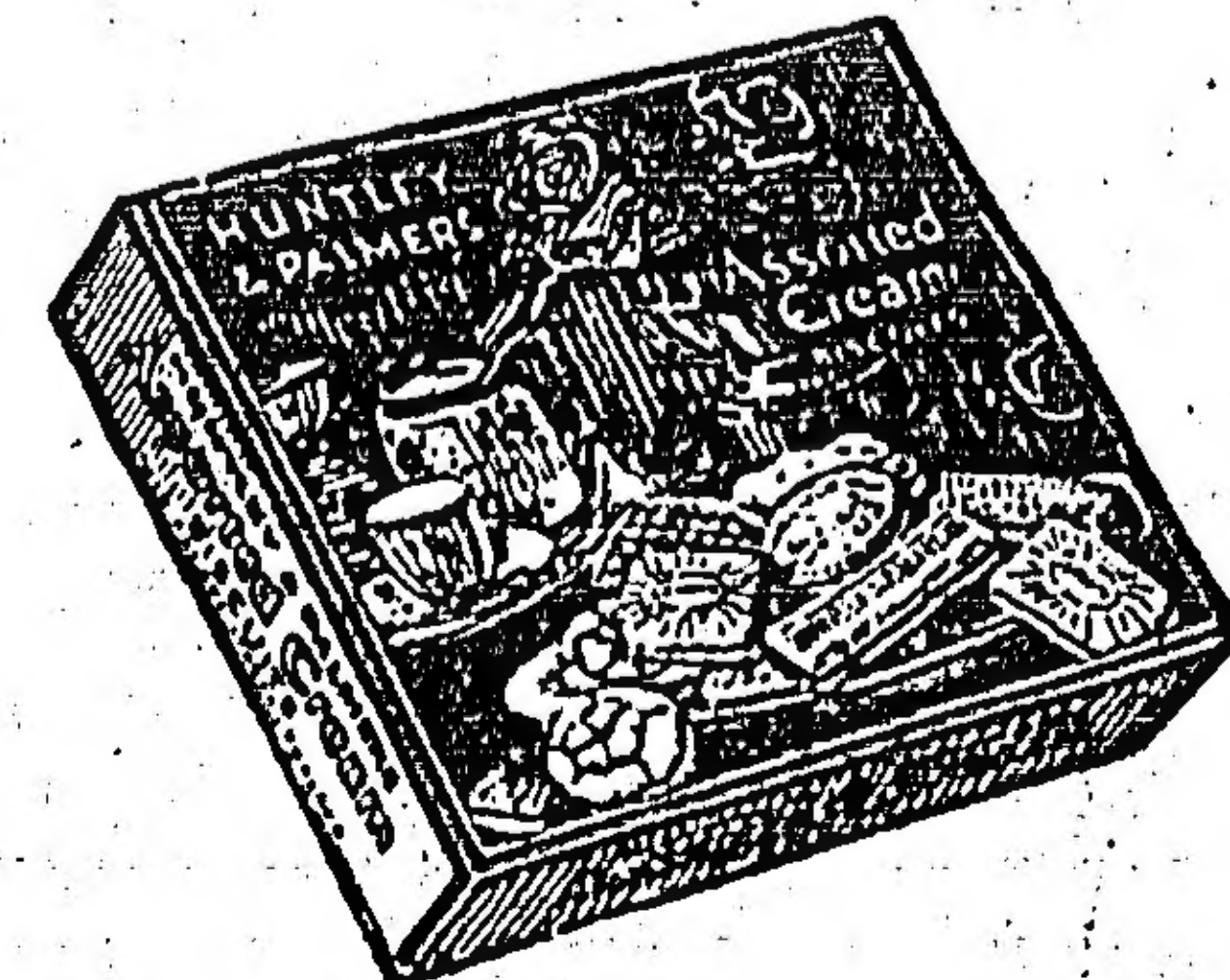
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IN THE WORLD****COMPLETING IN U.S.
FOR THE SOVIET**

Washington, Nov. 18. The world's biggest plane was ready at Baltimore to-day before delivery to the Soviet Government.

Built by the Glenn Martin Company, this four-motored giant monoplane, weighing more than 20 tons, has a wing-spread of 277 ft. greater than the huge Chinclippers. It carries 40 passengers, with night-berths for 20.

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The wings carry 4,000 gallons of fuel. For what purpose the Soviet ordered the new machine is unknown, but it is suspected that it may be intended for service on the Polar route.

Mr. Joseph Kennedy, chairman of the United States Maritime Commission, addressing Congress this afternoon, suggested that America should concentrate on a transatlantic air service rather than on the building of a super-liner.

He urged that the Merchant Marine Act should be amended by extending the definition of the word "vessel" to include ocean-going aircraft. Air liners would then be eligible for construction by the operation of subsidies.

Like average parents, they chuckled and beamed and gurgled. Aren't they cute?" while they watched the little girls make sand pies, sweep the cement walk, play shopkeeping in their outdoor playground. Then the scientists pronounced them perfect children.

YVONNE—Motherly

Now three and a half years old, the Quins rate second only to Niagara Falls as Canada's leading tourist attraction.

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ANNETTE—Aggressive

The garage man makes more selling picture postcards of the nursery than he does selling petrol. Every house has a new coat of paint and a placard "Bed and Breakfast."

EMILIE—Independent

Like everybody else the scientists had a hard time telling one Quin from another. All five have the same wavy brown hair, brown eyes, stub noses. They speak French with similar baby accent. Even their fingerprints are of the same general pattern. Their ears, the scientists discovered, are easiest points of identification—they differ slightly.

CECILIE—Unpredictable

Yvonne, who ranks highest in achievement, was catalogued the most motherly by Dr. W. E. Blantz, of the University of Toronto.

Annette is the most aggressive. Emilie the most independent. Cecile the most unpredictable.

**AIR RAID COSTS:
BLUDGEONING
LOCAL COUNCILS**

By A Correspondent

London, Nov. 18.

The Government has decided to make no more concessions to the local authorities on the cost of air raid precautions. So the fight is on.

A Government Bill compelling rate-levying authorities to bear a substantial part of the cost, and, in addition, forcing them by law to undertake the anti-air raid scheme, will be issued to-day.

**'FANS' RIOT,
TRAMPLE
ON LUPE
VELEZ**

New York, Nov. 19.

Twenty thousand Mexicans waited to greet film actress Lupe Velez when she arrived home on a visit to-day.

When the star appeared her fans became so excited in their attempts to get near her that they started to fight each other.

A riot developed. Lupe was forgotten by the milling crowd.

She was knocked over, trampled underfoot.

Now Lupe is in hospital with injured legs. Twenty of her excited fans are fellow inmates.

Marie, the smallest, under two pounds at birth, is the most sympathetic.

MARIE—Sympathetic

Silver-haired old Dr. Allan Roy Dufco, who brought the Quins into the world and has devoted himself to them ever since, told the scientists, "The scientific side is all very well, but the human side is infinitely more important so far as I am concerned."

It will be hotly contested in the House of Commons by local authority representatives irrespective of party, and even yet the Home Secretary may have to make concessions of detail in committee.

NEW BURDEN ON RATES

Led by Mr. Herbert Morrison for the English authorities, and Mr. P. J. Dollan, for Scotland, they urged that the Government should pay 90 per cent. above a 1d. rate and 100 per cent. over a 2d. rate.

This the Government refused to do. Sir Samuel Hoare argued that if the local authorities shouldered the suggested expense they would have a financial interest and administer the scheme with regard for economy and efficiency.

The Bill contains the financial provisions in full, including the Government's new proposal, that the State shall pay 85 per cent. of the excess expenditure over a 1d. rate for those authorities classed, under a graduation scheme, as poorer authorities.

CABINET'S PROPOSAL

The Bill will mean, according to Government estimates, that the Treasury will pay just over 90 per cent. of the total expenditure.

Apparently the Home Secretary still believes that the scheme in the country will not come to more than a rate burden of one penny in the pound.

Official correspondence issued recently disclosed that the Home Office estimates that in the next three or four years the total expenditure on air raid precautions will be about \$32,000,000, and that during that period the average annual expenditure chargeable to local authorities will be "well below £1,000,000."

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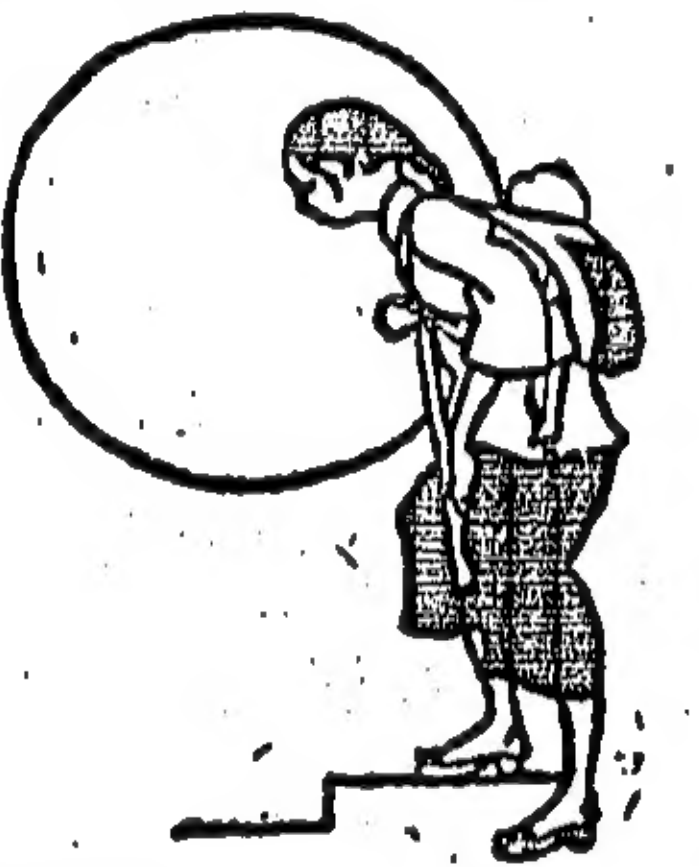
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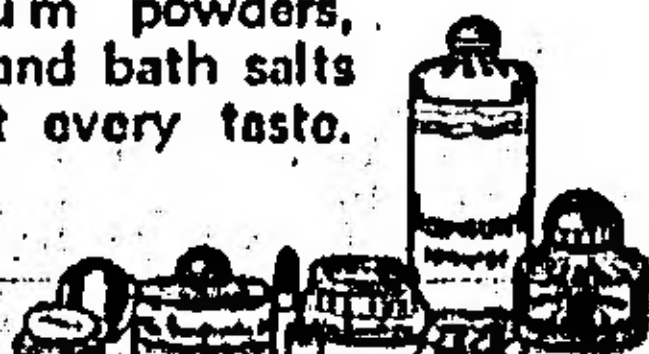
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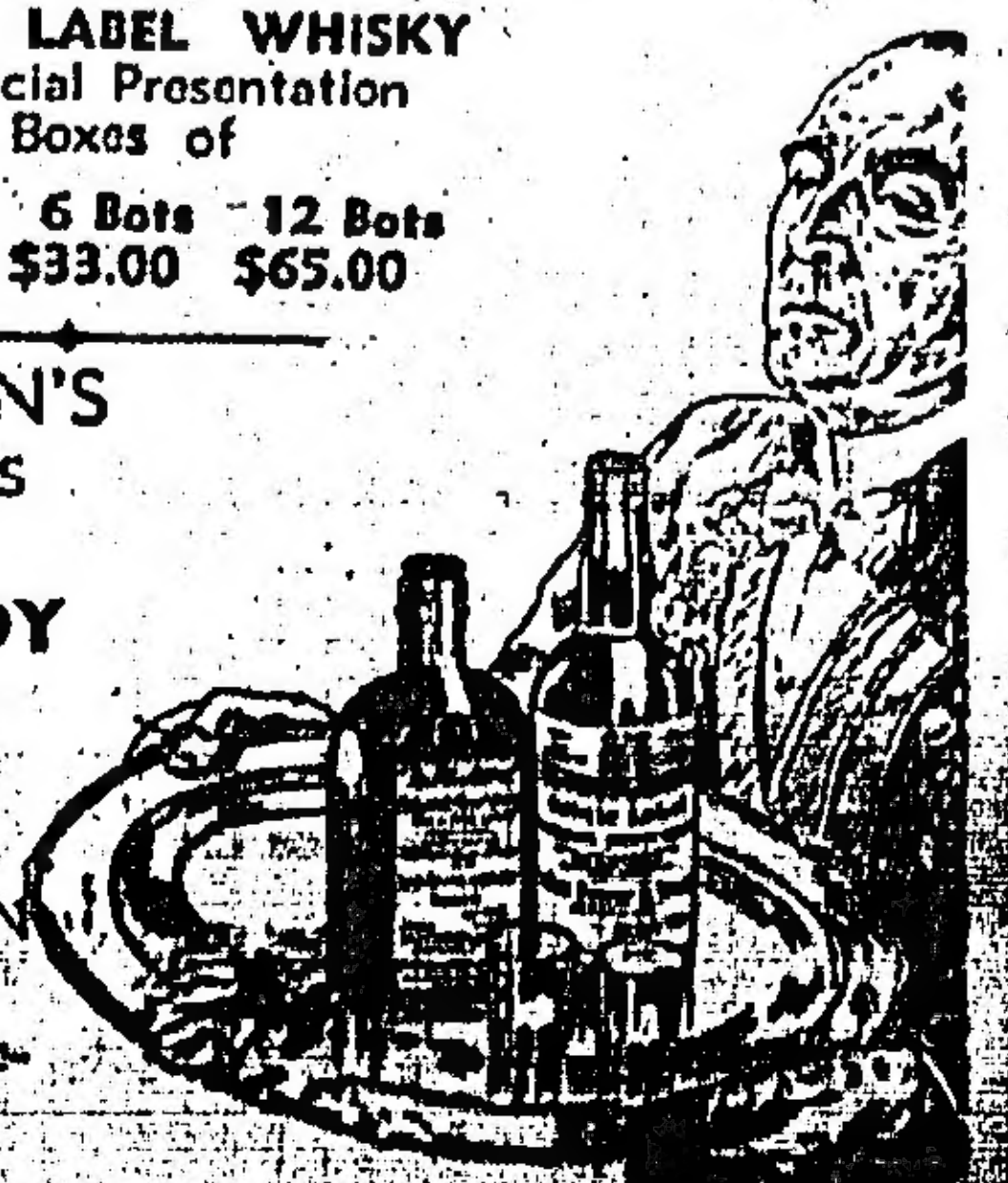
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COLLECTIVE SECURITY

Like the helpless farmer who takes a last, sad look at his young crops while the mushroom-cloud of the dust storm gathers on the far horizon, so thousands in China wait to-day for an expected blow from some new quarter. There are others in this disturbed world whose hold upon security must be measured in hours or days. That is the price man must pay for the failure of collective action in the preservation of peace.

In spite of years of isolationism, the United States is stirred by an event which occurred thousands of miles away from her home shores. Now the fallacy of that outworn doctrine becomes apparent, surely. For any nation which expects to send its ships and men of commerce into foreign lands, isolation in the political sense is obviously impossible; and to that nation must fall a share of responsibility in maintaining conditions in which its enterprises can operate without danger to investment or to the people who guide them.

Sir Archibald Sinclair recognises the truth of these contentions. Britain, he told the House of Commons, has no right to call upon the United States for co-operation in the defence of purely British interests. The implication is that Britain could expect co-operation from the United States when the interests of both are affected. There is a common cause in the Far East. Once it was apparent, the Liberal leader went on, that Britain intended to act to defend her own interests, the United States might be expected to take parallel action. It seems very likely that such an expectation is well founded. The effect of parallel action would be precisely that of joint action, but apparently the United States is still shy of making any alliance, however vague, with a European power for fear that she will be embroiled in the complicated political and economic troubles of another part of the globe. She is not to be blamed for this caution; but at the same time it does seem reasonable to expect that if parallel action is applied in one sphere it should be applied in another, especially where interests involved are similar.

It is not suggested that America has the same interests

CHRISTMAS is the one season of the year which makes solitude intolerable. It makes the lonely feel lonelier than any other holiday, for it is the festival of the family.

To be solitary at Christmas is the lot of many. If we could take a census of all the Christmas solitaires who moan in their cheerless homes without love or laughter we should be astonished.

There are armies of old bachelors and old maids who have drifted into a state of friendlessness. They have no one left to invite them to pull a cracker. They are shunned and boycotted because they are not good company.

The late George Moore was one of these Christmas solitaires. I do not know whether all his friends had forsaken him or whether he had forsaken all his friends, but he passed the last Christmas Day of his life alone in his lonely house in Ebury-street.

I received a melancholy letter from him, begging me to take ten with him, and I was sorry for the old man, for I was unable to go to see him.

His desolation at the end of his days contrasted strangely with his long essays about his friends in Paris, in London and in Ireland. I thought of the famous peroration which concludes Burton's "Anatomy of Melancholy," and the closing adjuration, "Be not solitary."

DR. JOHNSON detested solitude. In a letter to his friend, Mrs. Aston, he wrote:—"You know, dear madam, the liberty I took of hinting that I did not think your present mode of life very pregnant with happiness. Reflection has not yet changed my opinion. Solitude excludes pleasure and does not

as Britain in the Mediterranean, for instance. On the other hand the British contention that the Mediterranean sea-lanes shall never be interrupted and her determination to keep them well protected are points of policy which give advantages to other traders than her own. The Mediterranean lanes are vital to Great Britain, but they are also important to other powers. It may well be possible that American commercial interests will find that British support in preserving the freedom of Atlantic or Pacific trade routes is desirable. Such an argument leads to the conclusion that co-operative rather than parallel action is the most practicable cure for the world's ills; and that collective security, based on the League Covenant, even though it is not yet universally accepted, is the surest way to peace.

How much the world needs peace, how great is the need of security before mankind can contemplate with any certainty the prospect of profit from his labours, is pitifully apparent. Threats of war and famine and pestilence take the heart out of enterprise. Just as the mounting dust storm sends the farmer home with listless hands and hanging head, so the political storms which sweep the world are apt to leave the victims of war lethargic, saying: Why should we build again for destruction? And workers may grow apathetic, saying: Why should we work only to destroy? War and its aftermath can be prevented; but only by the collective determination of far-sighted peoples who having learned to rule themselves, may rule the lawless.

A James Douglas article—remember, some people are LONELY JUST NOW

always secure peace. Some communication of sentiments is home life is the servant famine. There is a vast floating population which migrates from one boarding-house or private hotel to another without any permanent ties of society or bonds of social intercourse. These wanderers with their children are homeless solitaires.

Then there are the derelicts who have fallen on evil days. Their incomes have shrunk and dwindled. They find it hard to make ends meet, and for them Christmas is unutterably mournful.

It is not hard to find these lonely people. We all know them, and we are all apt to forget them while we are making merry in our own homes. If it occurred to us to come to their aid at Christmas our own happiness would be doubled.

HERE is a plan which would bring joy to all these lonely people. Let every happy home make room for one desolate friend who has seen better days.

OLD bachelors and old maids are not the only people who lead lonely lives. There are thousands of childless widows and widowers to whom Christmas brings only sad memories of happiness long past. There are many young people who are lonely at Christmas. Their homes have been broken up by unemployment.

The old-fashioned family reunion at Christmas is impracticable. Sons and daughters are separated by distance from the old folks at home. They cannot afford to pay the fare.

Another factor which destroys the festive spirit is the fact that many of the people who are lonely at Christmas are not only lonely, but are also poor. They have no money to spend on Christmas gifts, and they are ashamed to ask for help.

There are many ways in which we can help these lonely people. We can give them a gift, or we can give them a meal, or we can give them a night's lodging. We can do many things to help them, and we should do them.

Let us remember that there are many people who are lonely at Christmas, and let us try to help them. Let us make room for one lonely friend at Christmas, and let us try to make his Christmas a happy one.

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I shall never forget my delight when I was invited to join in the gaiety of a happy home filled with laughing young folk.

Do not take the happiness of others for granted. Call a family council and try to think of some lonely friend who may be shut out from the Christmas jollity. Try to imagine how miserable you would feel if you were compelled to pass Christmas alone.

I am sure that selfishness is often caused by thoughtlessness. We assume that so-and-so is sure to be invited by somebody somewhere.

But if everybody resolves to forget and ignore the friendless one there is a wasted opportunity of sharing happiness with the unhappy.

THERE is enough happiness to go round all the solitaires in the land. What we need is a great share-out of the Christmas mirth and good fellowship.

Our pleasure will not be diminished by asking others to take a bit of it. On the contrary, it will be increased.

There is no necessity for anybody to endure a solitary Christmas. Is there a single dinner-table at which there is not room for an extra chair, an extra plate, and an extra glass of wine?

Some of these lonely ones may be your neighbours. Think of them and take the trouble to find out whether they are forgotten by everybody.

If every happy home in the land were thrown open to one outcast there would be no outcasts left alone with aching hearts on Christmas Day.

CHRISTMAS DAY IN THE FLEET

Here is a description by an officer of His Majesty's Navy of Christmas on board a battleship. It is written in a light vein, but at the same time succeeds in being exceedingly informative.

(By Lieut. Comdr. H. de L. Standley, R. N. (Ret.))

CHRISTMAS day starts early on board a battleship.

Long before the earliest landsman has rubbed the sleep from his eyes and crawled out of bed, long before the most eager child has sent exploring fingers down a stocking to see what Father Christmas has brought, sailors and signalmen have been aloft securing bunches of holly and mistletoe to the yard arms and fixing the largest Christmas trees

obtainable to the mast heads. For ships are judged by their trees.

Half the ship's company will be on long leave (the Christmas leave period is fourteen days) and half the "Watch on board" i.e. those not on long leave will have been ashore for the afternoon, evening and night of Christmas Eve.

The night leave, given daily when ships are in their home ports, finishes at seven o'clock in the morning, and just before this time streams of blue-jackets will be passing through the dockyard anxiously eyeing the ships' decorations and hoping that their own will have surpassed the others.

Work on Christmas day is cut down to a minimum. By the time the night leave men are returned on board the decks will have been

scrubbed, and the hounds will be going to breakfast.

Cleaning
After breakfast all hands will be employed cleaning ship; the watch on deck polishing brightwork and putting the finishing touches to make the "upper deck" "ship shape"; the "watch below" clearing up messdecks and flats and completing those Christmas decorations which for days past have been making their appearance. For on Christmas Day, a mess deck is judged by its decorations.
At about nine o'clock the hands are piped to "clean" in to No. 1 dress, their "Sunday best." In the Navy they never talk of changing into such and such dress—it is always "cleaning."

Divisions, which correspond to an Army parade, take place at nine-thirty. The ship's company falls in by divisions and inspected first of all by the divisional officers and then by the Captain, or if he is absent on leave by the senior executive officer on board who, in the absence of the Captain, is the Commanding Officer.

Church
Then follows Church. It depends on the class of ship as to where church is "rigged." In some ships the service may be held on a mess deck; in other ships a large "dun" may be rigged as church.

In ships of the Queen Elizabeth class, church, during the winter months, is held in a large space called the "half deck." During the summer, church is rigged right aft under the Quarter deck awning and the services are held under the grim grey muzzles of great guns.
The ship's band, or rather the string portion of it, provides the music, and there is something soul stirring in the volume of full-throated male voices joining lustily in the old Christmas hymns, so well known to

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HUMOUR IN THE OFFICE

Office life is generally regarded as being very monotonous, and while this is true to a certain extent, anyone with a sense of humour can derive quite a lot of quiet amusement out of the day's provides the first smile of the day. My firm, for instance, received orders from customers by letter that reads as follows:

"Please send me a sleeping suit for a boy without feet."

"I wish a cardigan for an old lady of chaste design but still pretty."

One of the best morning smiles we ever had was supplied by a man who sent a letter complaining that some underwear supplied had shrunk. "I am sending you all that is left of the vest I received. The rest vanished in the wash-tub." The enclosure was the firm's name tag!

When some of our clerks took to smoking a cigarette in the office before closing-time, our manager very ingeniously put a stop to the practice

and raised a laugh at the same time by putting up this notice:—

"Closing Time 6 p.m."

"Lighting-up Time 6 p.m."

The telephone operator ran up a smile. The man in the morning, and his father speaking, said cheerfully, "Hello, is that you, you old skinflint?" Whereupon our office-boy gravely replied, "I'm sorry, the cashier's not in just now, sir!"

The arrival of a new office-boy is always the signal for some clumsy attempt at a practical joke on the part of the older clerks.

Great glee resulted when one youngster took the proffered sixpence to go and buy a bottle of invisible ink. The jokers got a shock, however, when the lad returned with a nice clean empty bottle, carefully corked, and no change!

The office-boy is not so easily gulled nowadays.

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Film Girl's £355 For Libel

MAGAZINE CALLED "A DISGRACE" BY LORD HEWART

Damages of £355 were awarded in the King's Bench Division recently to Miss Barbara Mary Hood, 22-year-old film actress and photographer's model, who complained that she had been libelled by the publication of her photograph on the cover of the *Paris Magazine* of March, 1936.

The damages were awarded against Messrs. W. H. Smith and Son, Ltd., the newsagents.

Miss Hood, who lives in Wellington Road, T. John's Wood, N.W., claimed that the use of the photograph, with the words printed under it, together with the publication of certain matter in the magazine, implied that she was "a loose woman who allowed her photograph to appear in a filthy and degrading publication."

Lord Hewart, the Lord Chief Justice, when summing-up, displayed a copy of the magazine and said it was a disgrace to the printing press.

He said to the jury: "You would not have it in your house for a minute, would you? And, supposing you had seen the face of a girl you knew peering at you from the front page of this magazine on a bookstand, might you not ask: 'How did she come to sink to that?'"

"MILD SURPRISE"

"Take the man of the world. What do you think he would say if, knowing Miss Hood, he saw her photograph on the cover of that magazine? Wouldn't he be tempted to say: 'What in the world has happened to her; how did she come to this?'"

W. H. Smith and Son carried on business for the purpose of gain and had dealt with the *Paris Magazine* for years. In 1935 someone expressed "mild surprise" that a firm of their standing should handle such a publication.

Then there was the responsible employee who did not "feel happy" about it, with the result that eventually the order was given that it, and some others of a like kind, should be sold only on order from a customer.

"I wonder," said his lordship, "which you admire most, the sublimity of it or the commercial prudence of it?"

"SURREPTITIOUS"

In addition to their book and periodical departments the defendant company had an in camera, sub rosa, or surreptitious department where one could get a nasty publication if one gave a standing order for it.

What could it matter to the person who was libelled whether the libel got into the hands of casual purchasers or into the hands of those who had given an order for it?

Lord Hewart said it seemed to have been suggested that because a girl was a film actress she could not be heard to complain of the publication of her photograph on a magazine. The jury might think, however, that the publication of Miss Hood's photograph on the cover of the *Paris Magazine* might not increase the chance of her being included among the respectable cast for a film.

The jury, who included two women, were an hour considering their verdict. They awarded £350 damages. Lord Hewart entered judgment for Miss Hood for £355, with costs.

**Singapore
Pilot Leaves
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London. All the London newspapers give prominence to the will of a former Dr. Barnardo's Homes boy, Captain Jones, formerly with the Singapore Pilots' Association, who left more than £200,000, including £13,700 to Barnardo's Homes "in gratitude for the kindly treatment received on admission forty years ago and the excellent start in life given."

"Captain Jones" was a pseudonym used by Captain T. G. Meadows, a Singapore pilot who died in 1932. After his death no will could be found nor any relatives traced.

Four years later a sailor was thumbing over some old books on navigation lent to the Singapore Sailors' Institute by Capt. Meadows years before when between the pages of one of them he found a document which turned out to be Capt. Meadows' will.

The will, which was in favour of a number of hospitals and Dr. Barnardo's Homes, gave no clue to Capt. Meadows' next of kin. Among the hospitals benefitting was the Singapore St. Andrew's Hospital, which received \$10,000.

Language With No Singular For 'Flea'

Xhosa, spoken by two million Natives, is the latest language to be collected by the experts at the School of Oriental Studies, Westminster.

Mr. D. Mithimphulu, a native teacher from Natal, made direct recordings of its grammar and colloquial expressions recently in the school's sound laboratory.

London gave Mr. Mithimphulu a chill, and this is the way he described it:

Uqhobhoqho uyan abukhulu nomzimba wam uqhobhoqho amakhaza. That is to say: "My throat is sore and I am shivering all over."

"NO SINGLE FLEA"

Two other languages, Wolof and Bamum, were "captured" at the Paris Exhibition last month by Dr. Ida C. Ward, acting head of the African Department.

She spent a month transcribing them phonetically from two natives: a gentleman from Senegal and an em-broiderer from the Cameroons.

The singular for flea does not exist in Wolof, she discovered. "Why should we have a singular?" inquired the gentleman. "Such a thing as a single flea does not exist."

Now there is danger that the school staff may be dispersed for lack of funds. An appeal is made by Professor R. L. Turner, the director, for a minimum of £3,000 a year to maintain the Department.

ARMY OFFICER'S PERJURY

A 33-year-old Army officer, Desmond Charles Nigel Baring, of Brunstone (Hulland), was sent to the second division for 12 months at Derby Assizes recently for perjury.

Charged with him was Louis Owen Barnes (58), a bookmaker's clerk, of Nottingham. He was sentenced to six months, also in the second division.

Mr. Norman Whitting, prosecuting, said the case arose out of a speeding summons against Baring. He and Barnes swore that they were on a train at the time.

"FOOLISH ESCAPE"

Mr. Norman Birkett, K.C., for Baring, suggested that it was a foolish escapade on the part of a young man. He was a grandson of Lord Fernoy, and had perhaps suffered from lack of paternal control, his father having died in 1934.

Baring was ordered to pay the costs of the prosecution.



FLIER—Lady Drummond Hay, widely known English aviatrix, who asserted the British may enlist women aviators for military duty in the event of war. She is shown as she arrived in New York for a lecture tour. Women, she said, would act as dispatch bearers or in other flying services behind the lines. She holds a pilot's license.



BONNIE LASSIE—OF HARRY LAUER, LAMAR SCOT comedian, said he had always wanted to meet Shirley Temple. Visiting Hollywood recently, he did meet her. Here they are together. "She's a baw, Bonnie Lassie," said Sir Harry. "When I listened to Shirley MacTemple—I mean Temple—sing 'Auld Lang Syne', I'd been willing to make a picture of her for nothing! That's how much I think of her!"

NEGUS'S 'OUR MONEY IS GONE'

By A Correspondent

Bath. Haile Selassie, former Emperor of Abyssinia, is seriously worried about his financial position. "He is living in comparative poverty," said a member of his staff.

He attributes his position to having been involved in heavy litigation over the money he once possessed, and to having given away lavishly to help Abyssinian fugitives.

He is trying to sell Fairfield, the 16-roomed house in which he has been living on the outskirts of Bath, with the object of moving into less expensive quarters nearer the centre of the city.

He is also trying to sell his motor-car, which is of German make and expensive to maintain in this country.

In a statement to-day he says: "We have absolutely no income. We have to live on what little capital we have, and in such circumstances there is bound to be anxiety."

"In the belief that I would soon be returning to Ethiopia, with assistance from the League of Nations, I brought out what I considered would be enough for my temporary needs. But that has gone in helping my people who are now refugees, and in law cases in which I have been involved in London and Paris in an attempt to recover some of my money."

GEORGE V.'S CUP

Referring to offers which he alleges that Signor Mussolini has made to him to return as a nominal Emperor, Haile Selassie declares:

"I would not sell my people at so much a head, and I would not accept personal wealth and security to their detriment."

"Although he has sold most of his valuables," a close friend said to me to-day, "there is one standing on a table in his drawing-room at Fairfield which I do not think he will ever sell. It is a beautiful silver cup which was presented to him on his Coronation by the late King George V."

Threatened Queen Victoria

Harry Wyndham Carter wrote to Queen Victoria threatening to kill her.

That was 43 years ago. Recently it was revealed that he had died in Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum at the age of 83.

In March, 1894, Carter, then a middle-aged bachelor, who claimed to be an earl, was tried at the Old Bailey for threatening the Queen, found insane, and ordered to be detained "during her Majesty's pleasure."

Three reigns have passed since the period of Queen Victoria's pleasure ended with her death. But Carter remained behind the iron gates of Broadmoor.

Grizzled and bent, he was one of the oldest prisoners in the asylum. To-day they will hold a formal inquest on the man the world forgot.

Mail Salvaged On Hoover

Ship Driven High
On Island

The President Hoover is still being buffeted by fairly heavy seas, and the monsoon, though it has abated slightly, is still preventing the work of salvage commencing, according to messages received in Hongkong yesterday from Holsoto Island, where the Dollar liner went around last week.

Messages indicate that the ship has been driven further on the reef and is now not pounding so badly, though the salvage is becoming more difficult. Actually this is probably all to the good, however, since it appears that the main salvage work cannot be commenced before the monsoon season ends.

Yesterday's messages indicated that a portion of the mail still remaining aboard the liner was taken ashore on Tuesday and put under shelter. All the registered and ordinary mail has already been shipped from the Holsoto Island to Manila and Hongkong, the Hongkong mail coming here on the President Pierce. The remaining mail comprises 4,000 bags of printed matter and parcels for Hongkong and Manila, two bags of printed matter and parcels, mixed with the ordinary mail, arrived here on the President Pierce.

How much of the 4,000 remaining bags were taken ashore or when they will arrive here is not yet known, but it may arrive here on the President Grant, provided the weather is moderate and the Grant is able to visit the scene of the disaster on her way down to the Colony. Failing this the President Coolidge, passing about December 29, may pick up this mail. There is at present only one destroyer standing by the U.S.S. Alden.

Mr. T. B. Wilson, local agent of the Dollar Line, is expected here on the Yusho Maru on the morning of December 25. The *Yusho Maru*, the other salvage ship at Holsoto Island, is remaining by the Hoover. The Yusho is returning to Hongkong to resume her work on the salvage of the *Asama Maru*.

RADIO BROADCAST

Christmas Dinner Talk.
By Sabrina

CHILDREN'S HOUR

Radio Programme Broadcast by ZBW on Wavelengths of 395 metres (845 k.c.s.); 31.49 metres (9.52 m.c.s.). 11.5-7.

12.0-12.20 p.m. Relay of Special Service from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 Mozart—Sonata in A Major K.331.

Played by Edwin Fischer (Piano).
12.40 Berlin State Opera Orchestra.

"The Operaball"—Overture (Heuberger); Torch Dance No. 1 in B Flat Major (Meyerbeer).
1 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Orchestra Mascotte and Lucienne Boyer (Soprano).

It Happened in Vienna—Waltz (Muhrr); Castanets—Waltz (Richartz) ... Orchestra; Le Tango Des Filles (Deleltre and Bayle) ... Lucienne Boyer; Twinkling Lights—Waltz Melodies (Zeller-arr. Hohnke); The Last Letter—Waltz (Bergov) ... Orchestra; It's A Thrill All Over Again (Unger-Deleltre); I Found A Bit Of Paris In The Heart Of Old New York (Unger-Deleltre) ... Lucienne Boyer; North Sea Waves—Waltz (Kranzig); Under The Rain-bow—Waltz (Waldeufel) ... Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press; Local Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 Rale Da Costa (Piano).
"Say It With Music"—Medley (Ray Noble); What Are Your Intentions (film "Twenty Million Sweethearts"); 1.50 Latest Dance Records.

Fox-Trot—Land Of Love ... Eugen Wolff & His Orchestra. A Little Cooperation From You; The Sheep Were In The Meadow (from "Going Greek") ... Harry Roy & His Orchestra. Waltz—Hum A Waltz (film "This is my Affair"); Quickstep—Don't Say Goodbye Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra. Fox-Trot—Big Apple; Peckin' ... Nat Gonella and His Georgians. No More You; Goodnight To You All ... Jack Harris & His Orchestra. ... Spatsmattering ... Orchestra Mascotte.

2.15 Close down.
5.0-5.05 European Programme.
8.05-11.0 Chinese Programme.
5.0 Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

1. I've got my heart set on you; 2. Swing is here to stay; 3. So Rare; 4. Jam Sessions.
5.15 Interval of recorded dance music from ZBW.

5.20 5. Lovely one; 6. Smarty; 7. Whispers in the Dark; 8. After you.
5.25 Interval of recorded dance music from ZBW.

5.45 9. Night Over Shanghai; 10. 'Cause my Baby says it's so; 11. You Can't run away from Love; 12. Lady who couldn't be kissed.
6.0 Studio—Children's Hour.

7.00 Chorus.
Shenandoah (Sea Shanty) (arr. Terry); Rio Grande; Billy Boy (Sea Shanty) (arr. Terry); The Three Ravens (arr. Kennedy Scott); The Boatman (Harris) ... John Goss (Baritone) and the Cathedral Male Voice Quartet; John Peel (Tradition) ... Harold Williams and the BBC Male Chorus.

7.15 London Relay—"Sportmen Talking" Lord Burghley, M.P.
7.30 Closing local Stock Quotations & Hongkong Exchange Market Report.

7.35 Variety.
Orchestra—Dance Hits ... New Mayfair Orchestra (With Vocal Refrain); Humorous Sketch—Father Christmas (J. Henry) ... John Henry assisted by Gladys Horridge.

7.46 Studio—"Christmas Dinner" a talk by "Sabrina".
8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
8.05 Chinese Programme—Studio Concert.

11.00 Close down.
8.05-11.0 p.m. European Programme from Z.E.K. on a Frequency of 640 Kilocycles.
8.05 Variety.

Vocal Duets—Arlene (Seymour & Pollock); Waltz At The Gate For Kohn & Whitting) ... Layton and Johnstone; Make Whoopee—The Ballyhoofians Make Whoopee—Medley Fox-Trot ... The Ballyhoofians; Vocal Quartette—Musketees Melodies (No. 1) ... The Four Musketees; Orchestra—Happy Memories Selection ... New Mayfair Orchestra.

8.50 London Relay—"At The Black Dog".
Mr. Wilkes at home in his own bar-parlour. Presented by Pascoe Thornton.

9.0 Grace Fields.
If All The World Were Mine (Parr-Davies); Your Dog's Come Home Again (Harrington); You And The Night And The Music (from "Stop Press").

9.10 Jazz Piano and Turner Layton (Vocal and Piano).
Dinner For One Please, James (M. Carr) ... Turner Layton; Waltz Romantic (Da Costa); Jazz Goblins (Da Costa) ... Rale Da Costa; Heart Of Gold (from "All right at Oxford Circus"); Alone (film "A night at the Opera") ... Turner Layton; Sweetest Joe, The Candy Man (Croom-Johnson); A Cavalcade Of Martial Tunes ... Patricia Rossborough.

9.20 London Relay—The News.
9.50 Mozart—Concerto in E Flat Major, K.271.
Played by Walter Gieseking (Continued on Page 5.)

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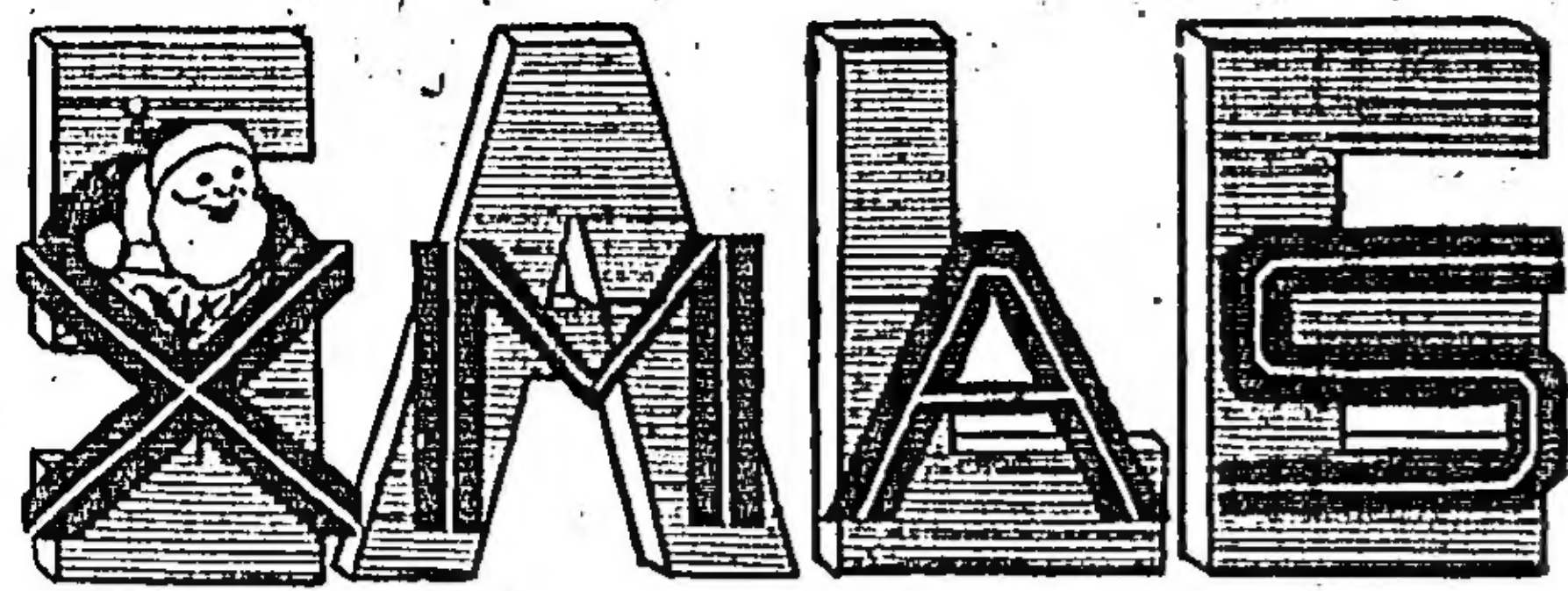
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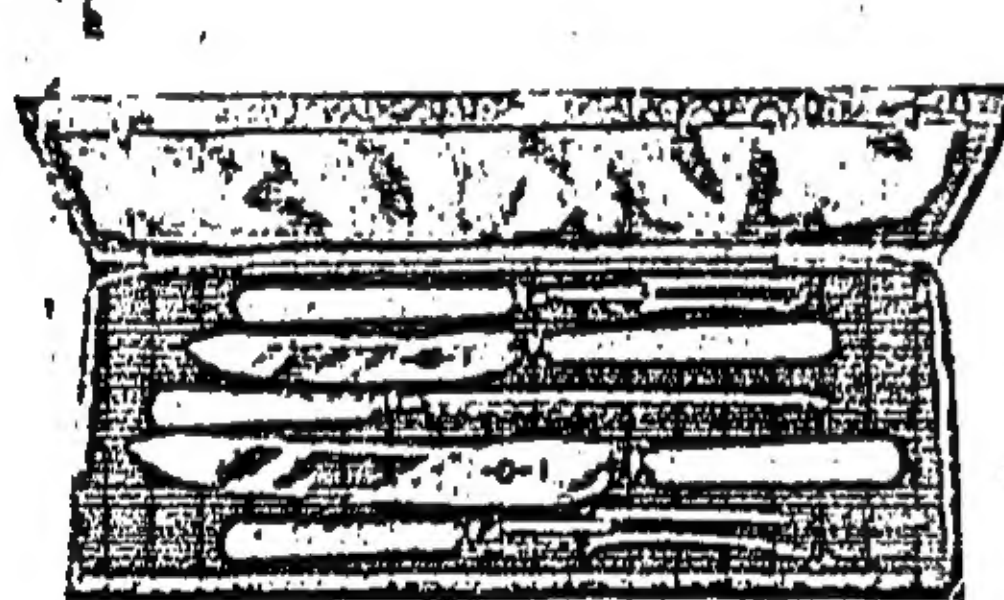
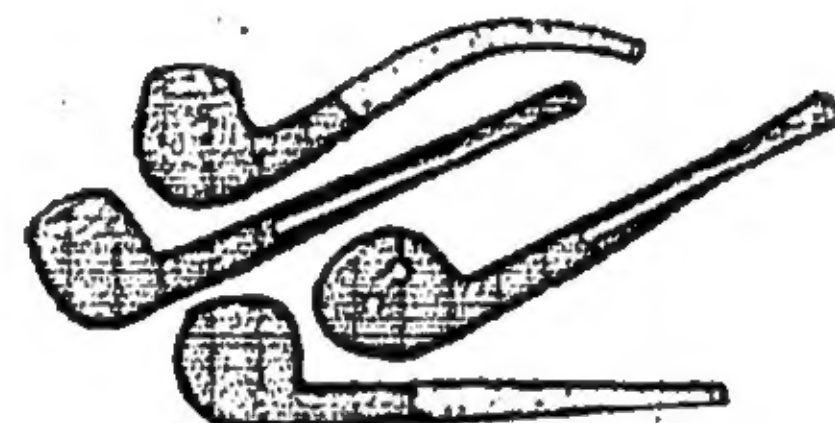
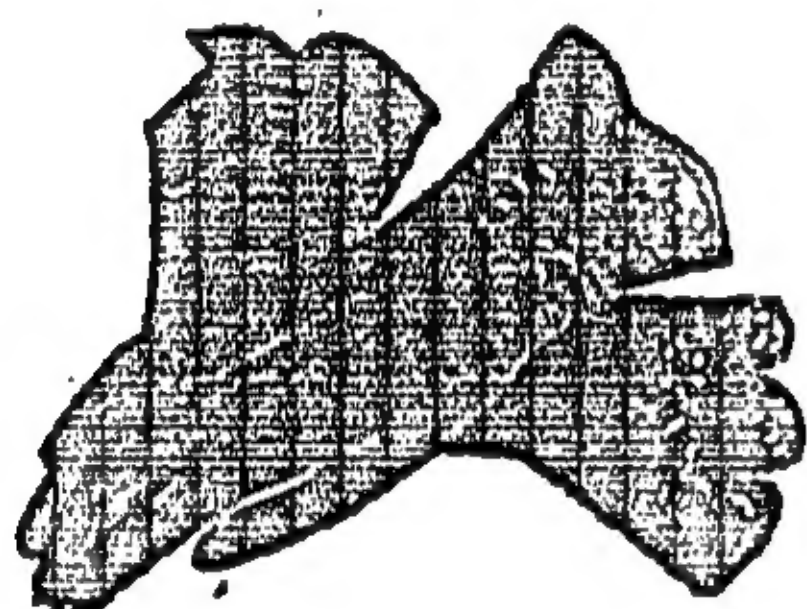
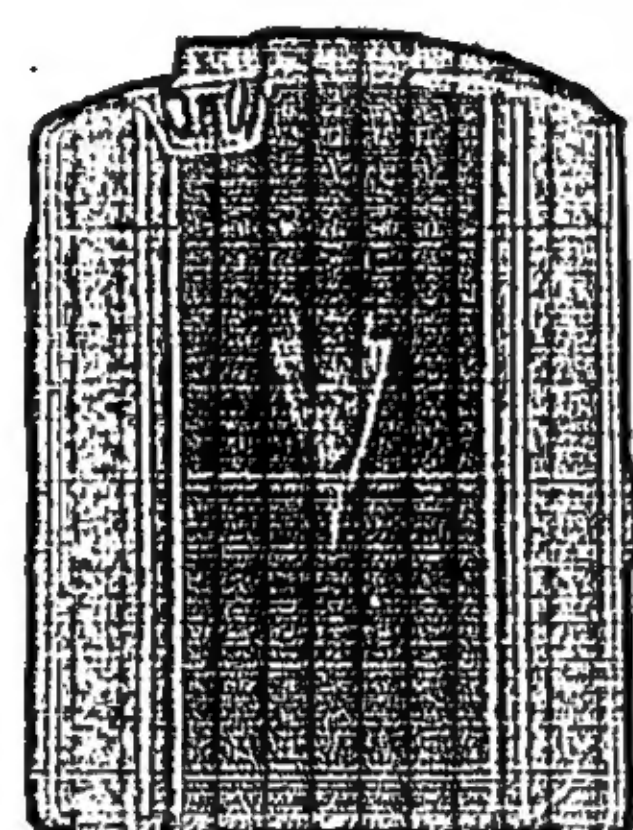
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City of Lovely Women

By Florence Dean

TO be happy on earth, one must be
born in Soochow. So runs an
old Chinese proverb that is quoted
in China to-day as often as it was
2,000 years ago.

For Soochow, ancient before Shang-
hai was born, has for centuries kept
its reputation for scenic beauty, for
wealth, for culture, and above all,
for the loveliness of its women.

In days of the old regime, when a
man could not choose his own wife
but must submit to his parents' choice
without seeing the girl before mar-
riage, a bridegroom felt safe if he
knew his bride would be a Soochow
girl.

That was almost a guarantee that
he would see a pretty face after the
ceremony, when the bride's veil was
lifted.

CO-EDUCATION to-day has not
spoiled the tradition. Young
men and girls of Soochow meet in
the schoolroom and walk together on
the college campus, attend cinemas
and dances together, and, if they fall
in love, marry. Sometimes there are
mass marriages, 20 or 30 couples at a
time.

The gamble of the wedding-veil
has gone, but Soochow keeps its re-
putation for beautiful women.

I have met Soochow women mar-
ried to men in all parts of China, and
unquestionably they have a charm
peculiarly their own—a southern
gentleness and languor of manner
that is in keeping with the soft,
sublimity of the Soochow dialect—so
different from the rolling guttural of
the North, the curt harshness of
Canton or the shrill staccato of
Shanghai.

They are petite, these Soochow
women—with delicate features and
the naturally small feet so important
to beauty in Chinese eyes.

THE wealth of Soochow hangs on
a thread—the thread spun by the
silkworm. And the life of the silk-
worm depends on the groves of mul-
berry trees whose rich, dark foliage
enhances the beauty of Soochow's
environs.

The city itself is built on islands in
a great lake encircled by hills. Be-
cause of this it has often been called
the Venice of the East.

The Chinese say, "Under Heaven,
Hangchow and Soochow," placing it
second in their list of beautiful cities.

Crisp and neat in a broad silk
gown slit from ankle to knee the girl
of Soochow to-day hurries about her
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suede shoes of the newest American
pattern and with her hair curled in
the latest London style. She keeps
alive in our generation the old tradi-
tion that Soochow is the home of
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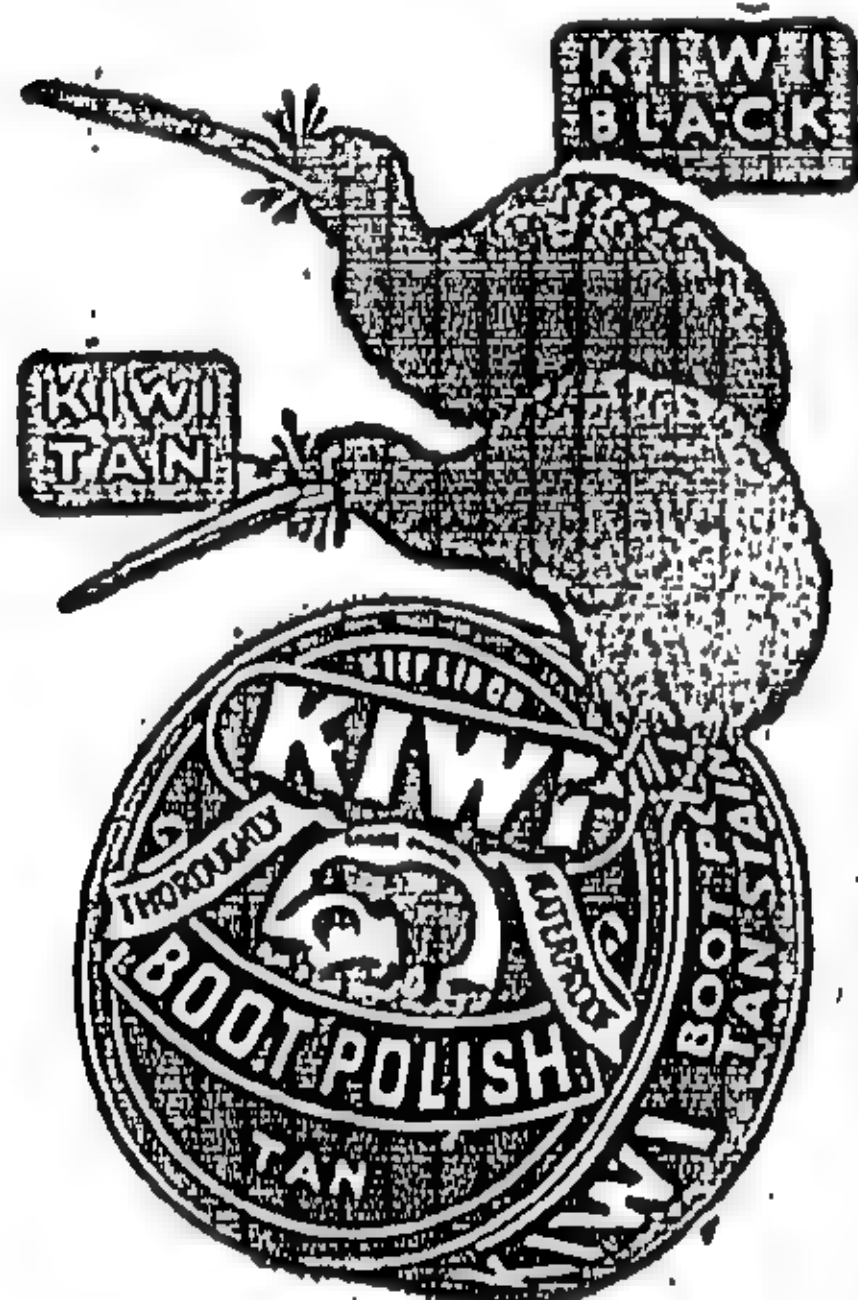
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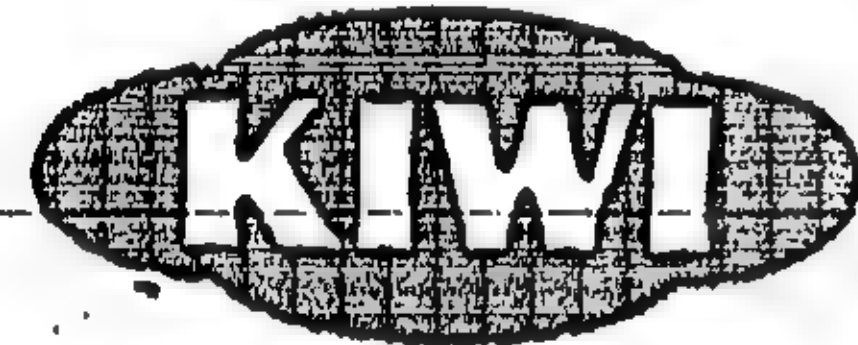
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BUSH GIRL LEADS KILLER TRIBE

Named Clara And Speaks English

(By Sean Fielding.)

Dr. Donald Thomson, brilliant young British anthropologist and explorer, has solved a puzzle that for 13 years has intrigued the world—he has found a mystery English-speaking woman whom legend described as leader of a nomad killer-aborigine tribe in the Australian bush.

It was believed that the woman, sole survivor of the ill-fated Commonwealth survey ship Douglas Mawson, lived somewhere in grim, uncharted Arnhem Land on the north-east coast of northern territory.

The Douglas Mawson had aboard an English woman and her 11-years-old daughter. When the ship foundered in Caledon Bay, Arnhem Land, in 1923, mother and daughter were held to have perished. The mother, it was stated, was murdered, but the daughter allowed to live.

AN AMAZON

Pearl's told of hearing of a woman who spoke English, and who was a leader of the spear-men on the coast.

Dr. Thomson has found that woman after a 18-months solitary trek in Arnhem Land. She does speak English fluently; she was blamed for most of the trouble on the coast.

But she is not English. She is called Clara, and of her Dr. Thomson says:

"She showed extraordinary courage and intelligence. She was abducted from her own tribe and brought to Caledon Bay, where she has been ever since."

That is all that is known of her...

COMING TO LONDON

Dr. Thomson is shortly sailing for England to see his parents, who live at Finchley, N. He went to Arnhem Land alone and unarmed, except for a shot-gun to provide food, as special patrol officer for the Commonwealth Government.

He is the only white man to have penetrated Arnhem Land. The natives, killers and haters of intruders, made him their blood brother, showed him the secret quarry where they still chip flints for spearheads, allowed him to photograph sacred ceremonies.

He was adopted as a "son" of Old Man Wong, a native officially regarded by the Commonwealth Government as the worst of Arnhem Land's "bad-men" and killers.

I saw Dr. Thomson's father at his Finchley home. He said to me: "There had been a number of killings at Caledon Bay. Donald offered to go there to see if he could pacify the natives and learn something of their country and habits."

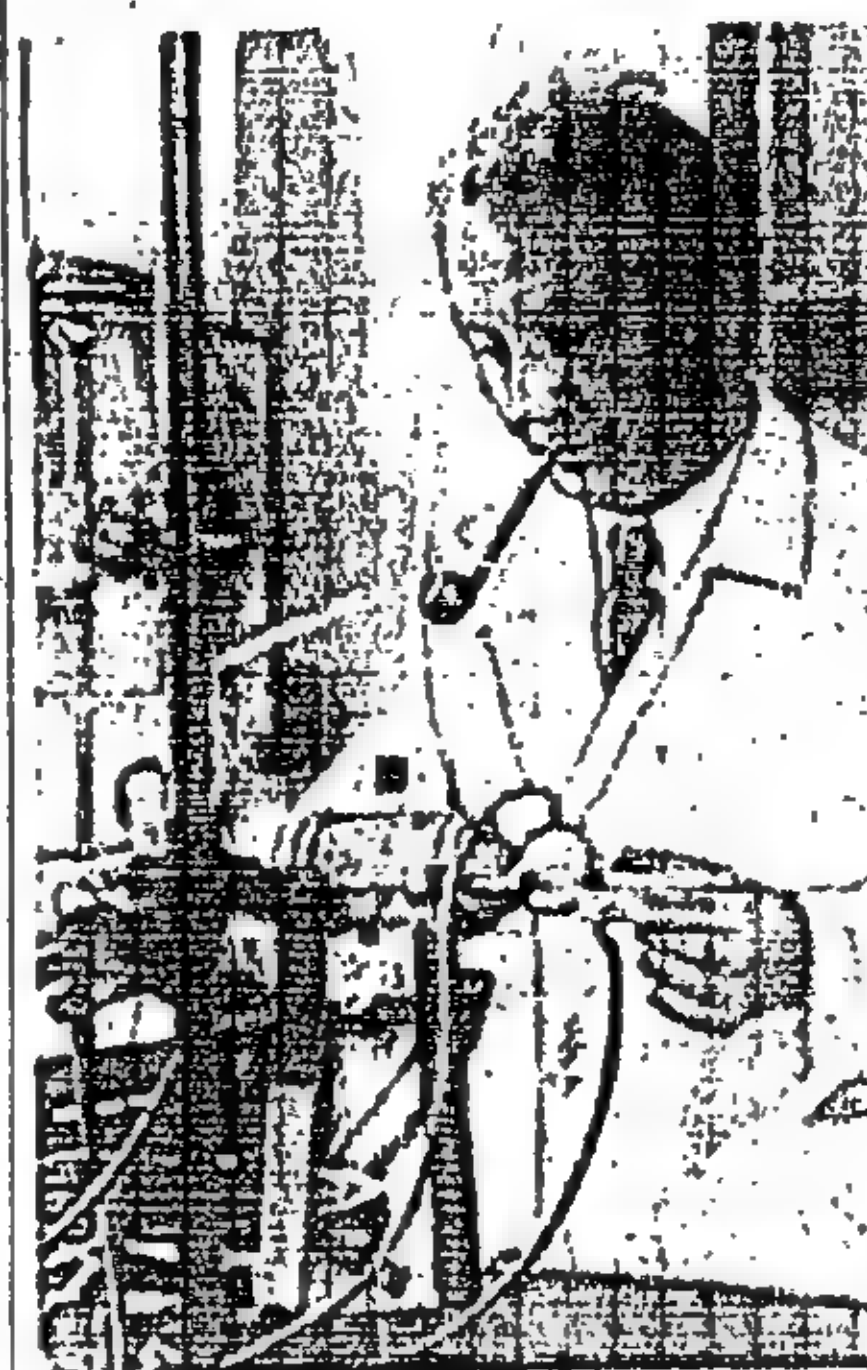
"Donald approached Caledon Bay from the hinterland, and by persuasion convinced Old man Wong that he meant no harm."

"Old Man Wong kept his position as leader through his fighting ability and that of his many warrior sons. But he became Donald's best friend. Through the centuries-old 'grope vine telegraph' Old Man Wong sent word to all tribes that my son was to receive help and friendship."

"Donald walked and canoed about 1,500 miles during his trek. Some of the tribes he met became tree dwellers in the wet seasons; some of them were very dangerous."

"He learned the language and had no trouble with any of them. In fact, the only trouble he did have was with the food. He found it quite eatable, but it affected his teeth and digestion. At times he was forced to eat snakes."

Dr. Thomson is married and has two children, boy twins. He won the Harbinger-Hughesbotham scholarship at the University of Melbourne for the "best work on the sociology of the Australian aborigine ever written." He is to continue his anthropological research studies at Cambridge University under the Rockefeller Foundation.



Professor Albert von Szent-Gyorgyi, the Hungarian explorer, who has received this year's Nobel Prize in physiology and medicine, for his discovery of vitamins photographed working at his laboratory in Szeged.

Rector, 60, Weds Bride Of 17

CHURCH DASH OUTWITS CROWD

Yeovil (Somerset),

Nov. 19.
HUNDREDS OF WOMEN trudged through muddy lanes in the rain today to see the Rev. Gerald Stubbs, sixty-year-old rector of West Chincock, married to his seventeen-year-old organist, Miss Betty Fewings.

The marriage took place in the village church. People stood in the aisles to watch.

When the ceremony ended the side door of the church was quietly opened.

Bride and bridegroom made a sudden dash through it, jumped into a waiting car and were whisked away to the rectory.

The crowd fished after them, stumbling over gravestones in their excitement—but were too late.

At the reception the rector said to sixty guests: "At first we thought of getting married by special licence. But people might have had a little more to talk about, so we made our happy day a public one."

As the couple left by car on a touring honeymoon a woman stood in their path and tried to stop them. She shouted at them, but the car swerved past her and drove on.

Footnote: The rector's parish of Chiselborough with West Chincock has 500 people, yields a net income of £410 a year with house.

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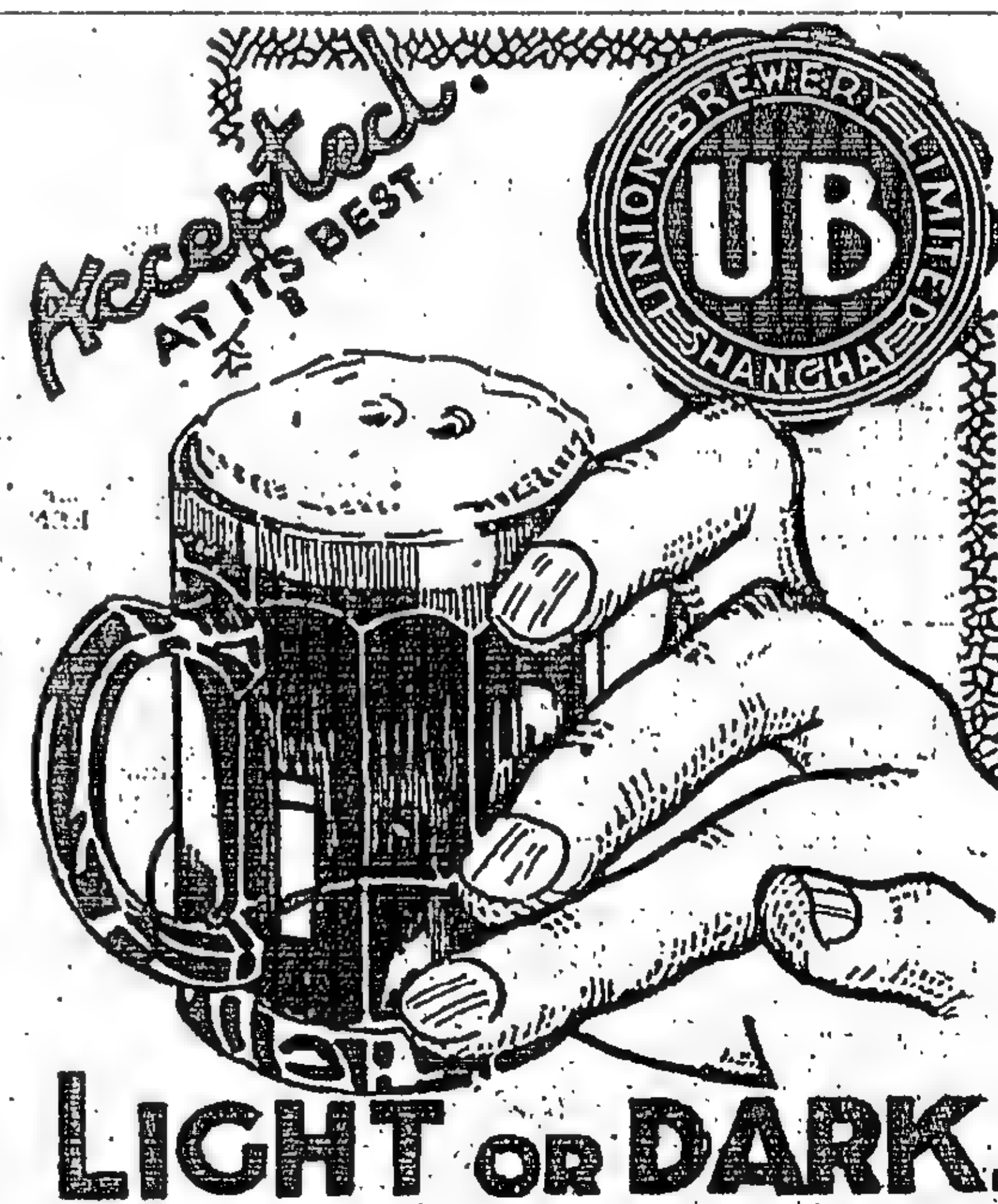
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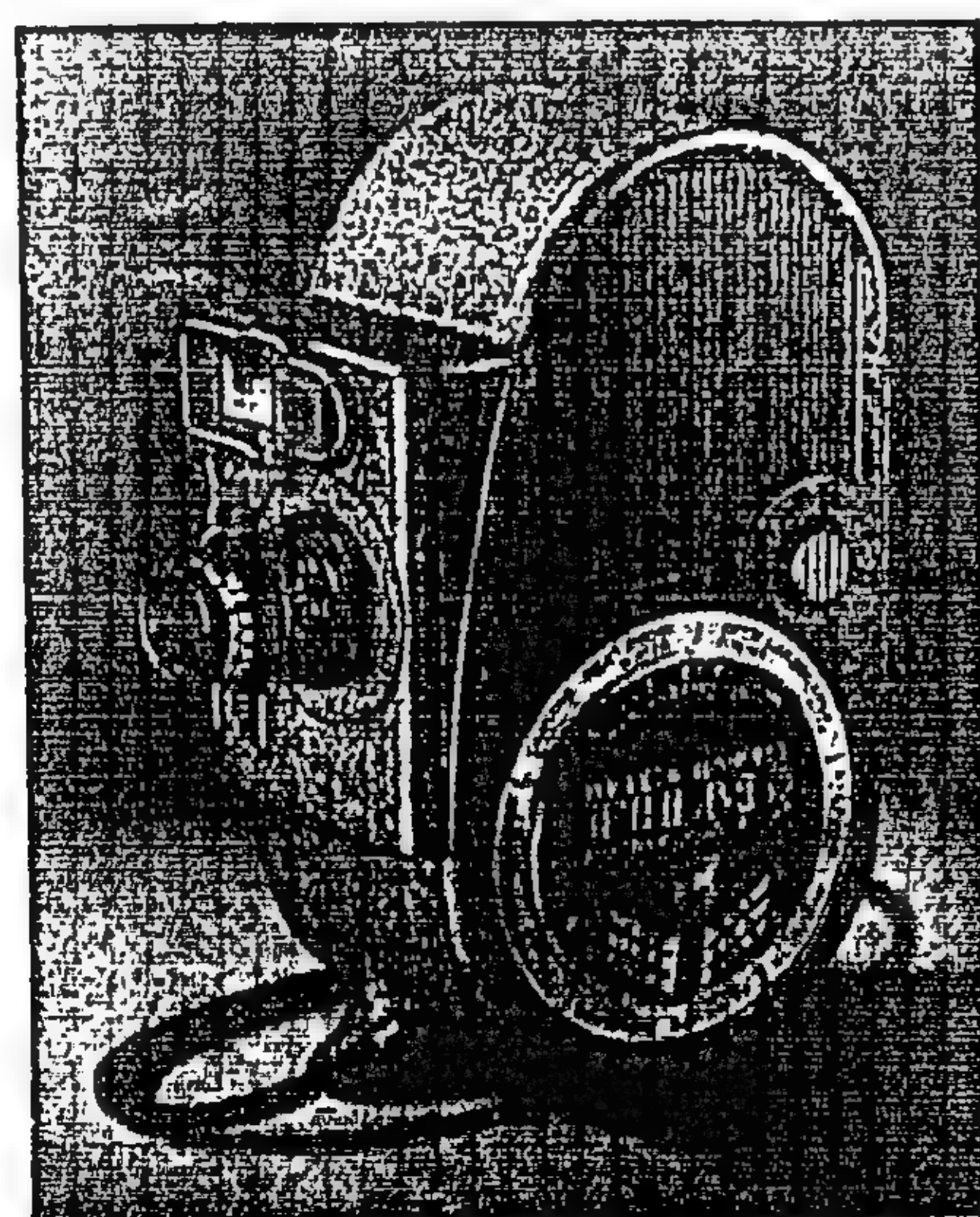
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A. V. GOSANO ASKED TO RETURN TO FOOTBALL DECLINES AND MISSES CHANCE OF PLAYING AGAINST CORINTHIANS

(By "Veritas")

Not a few people, especially those who hate to see their old favourites taking the final bow, have wondered whether A. V. Gosano is definitely lost to Hongkong football. That many, despite "A.V.'s" protestations before the start of the present season, still believed he would answer the call for important matches, is indicated by the fact that he has been approached, first by the Portugal selectors to turn out in the International Charity Cup competition, and secondly by the Hongkong-born XI against the British Isles in an exhibition match on January 2.

But I can state quite categorically that Gosano will not do soccer boots and jersey this season. He has already turned down the suggestion to figure in the Portugal eleven, and by the time this is read, the H.K.F.A. will have received his nay to the exhibition match invitation.

These decisions have not been reached without a certain amount of hesitancy, which has been heightened by the knowledge that participation in these games would offer Gosano a very sporting chance of figuring in the Colony side against the Wellington Corinthians in February—a very tempting inducement indeed. However, Gosano feels that football has been enough of him, and another point, missed by large numbers of people, is that soccer on our hard grounds, played at a fast pace, and invariably keen in competition, is not all beer and skittles. There are no knockouts to be taken which one begins to feel are hardly worth while after 21 years continuous association with the game. What is more "A.V." is finding quite a niche for himself in the world of cricket and finds the more leisurely tempo of that game rather attractive.

However, I do hear that there is more than a possibility that "A.V. Gosano, who is coming down to Hongkong for the holidays, will turn out for Portugal in the International Charity Cup encounter, and that Beltrao, who has also more or less forsaken football for cricket, will play for his country against England.

It is rather a pity Betty Gosano will not be here for the New Year, otherwise the selectors might do much worse than invite him to turn out for the Hongkong-born Eleven. Betty, I am told, is keeping in strict training up in Swatow and is making a name for himself in the port at

football, hockey, tennis, and, believe it or not, softball. However, the selectors have still got a useful looking side together for January 2, with Tam Kwong-kon in goal, Lee Tin-sang and Chris Pile at full back, Carlos Remedios, centurion Shanghai Interpreter, Beltrao and Leung Wing-chui in the half back, and an attack comprising Tommy Pile and Fung King-cheung on the right wing, Lai Shui-wing and Ho Ching-to on the left, with the centreforward berth now left

Surrey Win Rugby Championship Match

London, Dec. 22.

Playing in the Rugby County Championship at Portsmouth to-day, Surrey beat Hampshire, after a fast match, by 12 points to six.—*Kenter.*

vacant owing to Gosano's decision. Reserves are: Sammy Tsang, Costa, Hussain, Lam Tuk-po, Jorge and Leonard.

REVISED HOLIDAY SCHEDULE THREE LEAGUE MATCHES

Here is the re-arranged local football programme for the Christmas and New Year holidays, issued by the Hongkong Football Association. It should be noted that all remaining league fixtures are cancelled.

FIRST DIVISION.

January 1, 1938
South China "A" v St. Joseph's C.I.I.

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December 26, 1937
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South China v Eastern C.I.I.

ANNUAL CRICKET MATCH

Navy Gain First Day's Lead Over Army

Consistent Batting

Leading by 92 on the first day's play in their annual encounter in the "Triangular cricket" tournament, the Navy have placed themselves in a comfortable position against the Army. Only two Army batsmen contributed over 20, but the Navy batsmen were most consistent, only three failing to reach double figures.

The Army began well, but the tail failed to wag and their side was left out for 110. Carless and Boucher going on late for the Navy, claimed four wickets each. Lieut. Weeden was top scorer for the Army with 37, 10 of which were from boundaries. With their first four batsmen totalling 122 between them, and Sub. Lieut. Kyrie scoring a rapid 22 at the end (including a six), the Navy's ultimate score of 208 was not surprising. Capt. Whitmarsh was run out after scoring 32.

Scores:	
Army	
Lt. Weeden, c Ogle b Boucher	37
Lt. Jones, c Walters b Kyrie	23
Lt. McLagan, c and b Boucher	23
Capt. Mackintosh-Walker, b Carless	15
Lt. Beadnell, c Woods b Boucher	10
Lt. Gobby, c Woods b Boucher	7
Sgt. Paynter, b Carless	1
S. M. & Warr, b Carless	0
Pte. Hatfield, b Carless	0
Lt. Barron, run out	0
Lt. Cpl. Cheney, not out	0
Extras	0

Bowling Analysis	
	O. M. R. W.
Kyrie	5 2 21 1
Carman	2 1 15 1
Paxton	2 1 15 1
Carless	10 2 35 4
Boucher	10 2 29 4

Navy	
A. D. Smith, lbw. McLagan	39
Lt. Jones, c Hatfield b McLagan	32
Capt. Whitmarsh, run out	32
Lt. Colman, c McLagan b Barron	30
Lt. Cpl. Ogle	11
Lt. Com. Pugh, b Hatfield	11
Capt. Carless, c Jones b McLagan	9
Com. Boucher, c Jones b Barron	9
Sub. Lieut. Kyrie, c Weeden b Barron	22
P. O. Tel. Paxton, lbw. b Barron	14
E. A. Wood, not out	10
Extras	10

Bowling Analysis	
	O. M. R. W.
Barron	15 3 64 4
Cheney	10 2 23 1
Hatfield	11 4 32 2
Paynter	3 1 30 1
Gobby	3 1 30 1
McLagan	8 1 37 3

SCHOOLS' MATCH

LA SALLE COLLEGE DEFEAT QUEEN'S BY 65 RUNS
Z. Gosano, who scored 44, and A. el Arculli, who bowled well to take seven for 14, enabled La Salle College to defeat Queen's College by 65 at the Indian R.C. ground yesterday.

La Salle	
Z. Gosano, c and b Rumjahn	44
F. Canton, c T. Singh b Rumjahn	20
J. Gosano, run out	0
A. Remedios, b Rumjahn	0
H. Silva, b Rumjahn	14
J. Marques, b Rumjahn	8
T. Bayot, run out	0
A. el Arculli, b M. Singh	0
M. Rosa, c Wong b Singh	1
F. Carvalho, not out	0
D. Rodriguez, b Singh	0
Extras	8

Bowling Analysis	
	O. M. R. W.
Rumjahn	13 1 33 5
N. Singh	12 1 50 3
Bowled 3 wickets.	

Queen's College	
Rumjahn, c J. Gosano b Arculli	0
T. Singh, lbw. b J. Gosano	0
T. C. Lo, b J. Gosano	1
O. Singh, b Arculli	4
N. Singh, b J. Gosano	4
M. Karim, b Arculli	0
H. H. Ho, b Arculli	4
S. K. Chung, c J. Gosano b Arculli	0
S. E. Bux, b Arculli	0
C. K. Wong, b Arculli	0
R. A. Bux, not out	0
Extras	0

Bowling Analysis	
	O. M. R. W.
Arculli	10 6 12 7
J. Gosano	10 6 12 3

SWEEPSTAKE RACES

Kittiwake and Diana were the winners in their respective classes in yesterday's sweepstake races held by the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club over a course of 9.2 miles. "A" class started at 14.45 and "B" class at 14.55.



M. R. MALIK

HOCKEY PERSONALITY M. R. MALIK, THE K.I.T.C. LEFT HALF BACK

(By "The Pilgrim")

M. R. Malik is now known through the hockey community of Hongkong as the brilliant K.I.T.C. and Civilians left half. He is a comparatively recent arrival from India, and according to the brand of hockey he is playing at the moment should experience small difficulty in winning his place in the Colony XI.

Malik says from what he has seen of Hongkong hockey, he regards the standard as pretty high. He is the donor of hockey sticks which are to be won by eight of the best players in local leagues.

Triangular Hockey

Tournament

H.K. CLUB THE CHAMPIONS

Draw With Army,
But Rather
Lucky

(By "The Pilgrim")

In a fast game where plenty of good hockey was seen the H.K. Club drew 2-2 yesterday with the Army on the home ground at King's Park after being led by a goal in the interval. The Army were unlucky not to win. They had the measure of the Civilians for fully 45 minutes of the game.

Commencing with a man short the Army were on the defensive for the first five minutes. Gopal Ram filled his usual place at inside-left with Narain Ram falling back to left-half in place of Tara Singh who was absent. With a full team the military attack got going but the Club intermediates with W. A. Read as pivot were early defending stoutly. After 15 minutes' play Fowler received a pass in the circle but the winger missed his chance. The Army came back with a determined rush and five minutes later Partaub, in a brilliant solo effort down the left wing dribbled the ball past Bates and Wallace to find the net giving Benwell no chance whatever.

The Club were soon through again but Divett missed a sitter from a pass off Bond. A good lead was maintained by the Army when the interval arrived. On resumption the military attack soon got busy Sawal Khan, Pritam Nath and Gopal Ram hemming in the Club defenders. Bates rushed in to save a dangerous situation when Pritam Nath was about to find his mark.

At the other end Wilson was called up to save his charge from Divett. Benwell in turn did likewise, clearing a terrific drive from Sawal Khan. Within 25 minutes the Army forced a short corner and from the resultant hit off Khuda Bux ran through to flick the ball into the net after Benwell had made a partial clearance.

With 10 minutes to go the Club attacked energetically and Divett found the net after Wilson had attempted a poor clearance. Sensing possible victory and cheered on enthusiastically by their backers the efforts were soon rewarded when with two minutes to go, Bond crossed a nice centre to Divett for the latter

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NOTES OF INTEREST

(By "The Pilgrim")

I AM sorry to hear that Parker, the well known Police centre-forward is still in hospital. His absence from the attack has affected the team considerably. S. Wilson (A.S.P.), former Police leader, is back from home leave and will shortly take an active part in the game.

TALK of the Civilians and Services replay is still in the air. From what I hear it is very doubtful whether the match will be played this month, though there is every hope of a replay sometime in January.

MR. Palmer, Secretary of the Hongkong Hockey Association, is doing remarkable work, and the Association is fortunate in obtaining the services of so capable a person to fill the vacancy vacated by Mr. F. A. Kemp who is still on home leave. Mr. Palmer is also coach of the "V" Ladies hockey team, present Caer Clark Cup champions. Well done "G.T." I am certain your services will be appreciated by one and all—you are doing a great deal for the good of the game in the Colony and players in general.

IN Miss D. Moss, formerly a left half, the C.B.S. ladies have discovered a brilliant goal-keeper. Through her team went down to St. Andrew's in a Caer Clark Cup fixture she gave a very good exhibition



Mrs. Henry, who has returned to the Colony and is again playing for the Y.M.C.A. hockey team.

between the sticks. More will be heard of Miss Moss by the time the league is over. I hope she sticks to goalkeeping.

THE Y. Ladies have strengthened their team by the inclusion of Mrs. Read and Mrs. Henry, two former stalwarts who are back again in the Colony. Should they defeat the Hongkong Ladies in their return game in January, their winning the Caer Clark Cup for the second time in succession will be a foregone conclusion.

to beat Wilson with the equalizer. The game ended in semi-darkness.

The Army seemed the better team but full credit goes to the Club for equalizing during the last ten minutes. Bond, Bickford and Divett were the most dangerous of the Club forwards—Fowler was too well marked by Klashen Singh. W. A. Read was outstanding at centre-half, with Wallace the best of the backs.

Pritam Nath led the Army attack well, receiving brilliant support from Sawal Khan, Gopal Ram and Partaub. Stimpson played a grand game as pivot, with Ray and Narain Ram also in the line. Klashen Singh, at left back was safer than Stickley.

The Club have now won the Triangular Tournament with three victories and a draw. They defeated the Navy twice—beat and drew with the Army once. O. E. R. Divett tops the list of goal scorers with six to his credit. Well done the Club!



Pritam Nath, the brilliant leader of the Army attack.

SURPRISE DEFEAT FOR RADIO

On the Police Training School ground last Thursday the Radio Sports Club were defeated by the Hongkong Police by a goal to nil. In the first half the Police played a man short, Heath failing to put in an appearance. The Radio men took complete control of the game in the initial half and failed to achieve victory because luck was with the other side.

Neat stickwork and good combination carried Jangeer Singh, Telok Singh and S. Singh through the Police defence on many occasions but the well organised attempts missed their mark by inches. Jessop also came to his side's rescue with fine clearances. At the other end Byrne got away down the left wing after beating the Radio defence on his own but Rocha ran out to save the situation. The interval arrived with a blank score sheet.

The second half began with the Police making dashing attacks. Karnail Singh, a reserve, was included at right half bringing the home team to full strength. The keepers of the law maintained pressure and were rewarded after fifteen minutes play when P. Singh scored their only goal off a short corner. For the rest of the game the Police were in command and though the Radio penetrated the opposing defence on numerous occasions they failed to equalise.

Brown, Howlett and Teja Singh were the pick of the Police attack,

Affecting Standard Of Hockey

ALL seems quiet in the United Hockey Tournament. The games are progressing very satisfactorily and according to Sub Inspector Tyler all will be well that ends well, but the end is yet to come. I have seen some good games in the tournament as well as bad ones.

One influence which seems to encourage bad play, by which I mean a low standard of hockey is the umpiring. Each team supplies its own umpires and some have still a great deal to learn about the game, before they should be permitted to take control.

Two recent games are still fresh in my mind. The umpires appointed were members of their respective clubs and as soon as one team had scored it seemed impossible for the opponents to equalise. This sometimes happens because the umpires involved want to see his own team win, often at any cost. The game consequently suffers—play becomes rough and uninteresting with unpleasant remarks thrown about between the umpires and players. In this particular case no player was sent off the field but the match ended in a very unsatisfactory manner.

I don't mean to suggest that the umpires are deliberate in their faulty decisions but the feeling towards one's own team is there and if an obvious foul is not checked the official becomes the centre of abuse. I do not wish to condemn any umpire as I know hockey umpiring is a thankless job but if a game is well controlled by a competent umpire and it so happens to be a neutral man, a keen interesting game is bound to be seen.

I hope I am not treading on any one's corns, but through personal experience, I have found it much safer to have a neutral umpire. The teams participating in the United first division are really A.1 and though they are requested to supply their own umpires I would advise them to have a neutral man. I am positive if this is brought into force the tournament will achieve more success than at present, the standard of hockey will become much higher, and players in general will be more satisfied.

whilst Mehar Singh and Jackson were outstanding in defence.

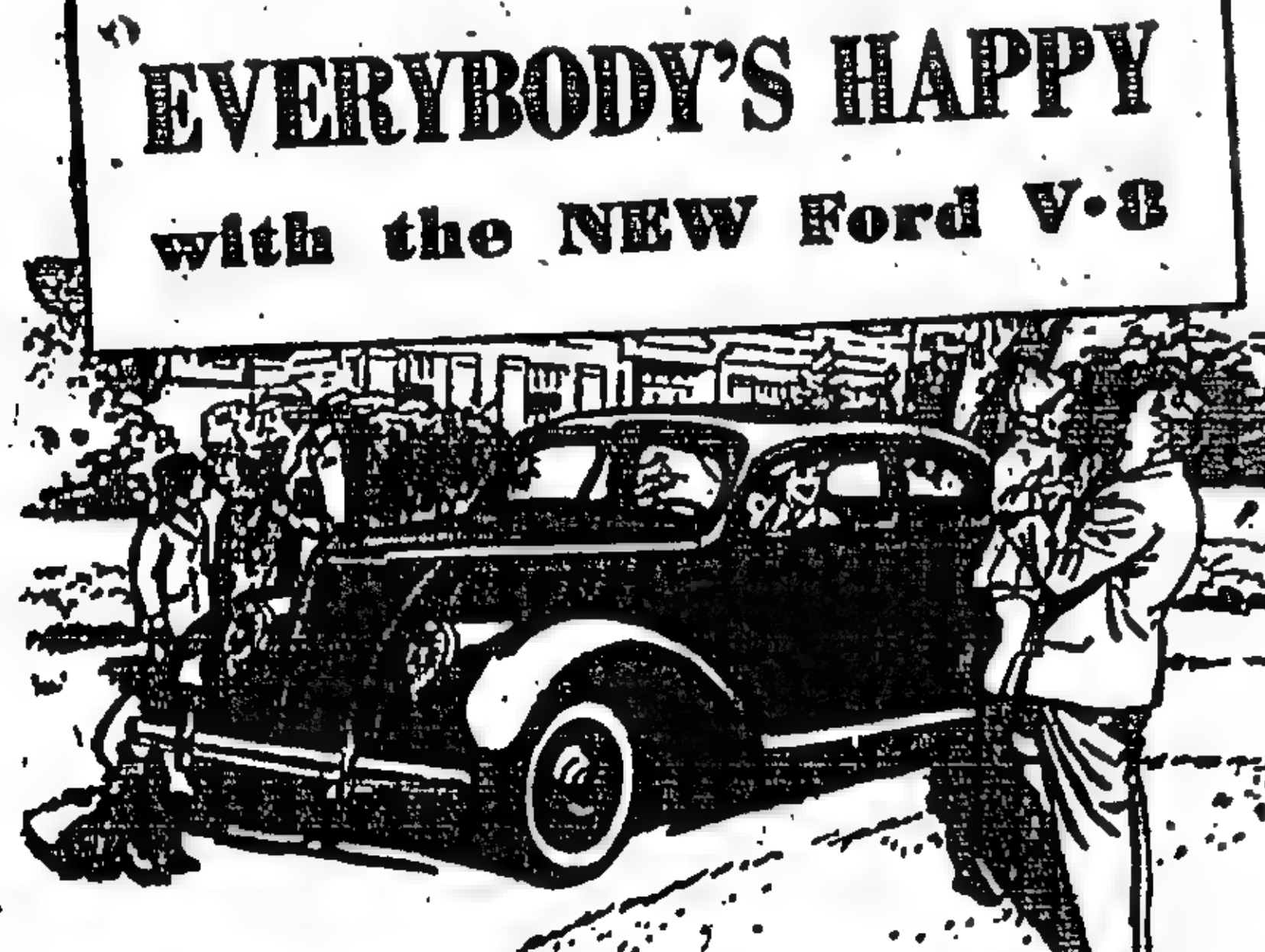
The Radio forwards were good but G. Singh and Telok Singh should have found the net at least three times in the first half. M. H. Hassan was excellent at centre half and Kitchell at right half was also in the limelight. J. Singh and M. Singh in the last line of defence were slow and every erratic with their clearances. Rocha played a grand game between the sticks. The game was fast throughout but at times too vigorous.

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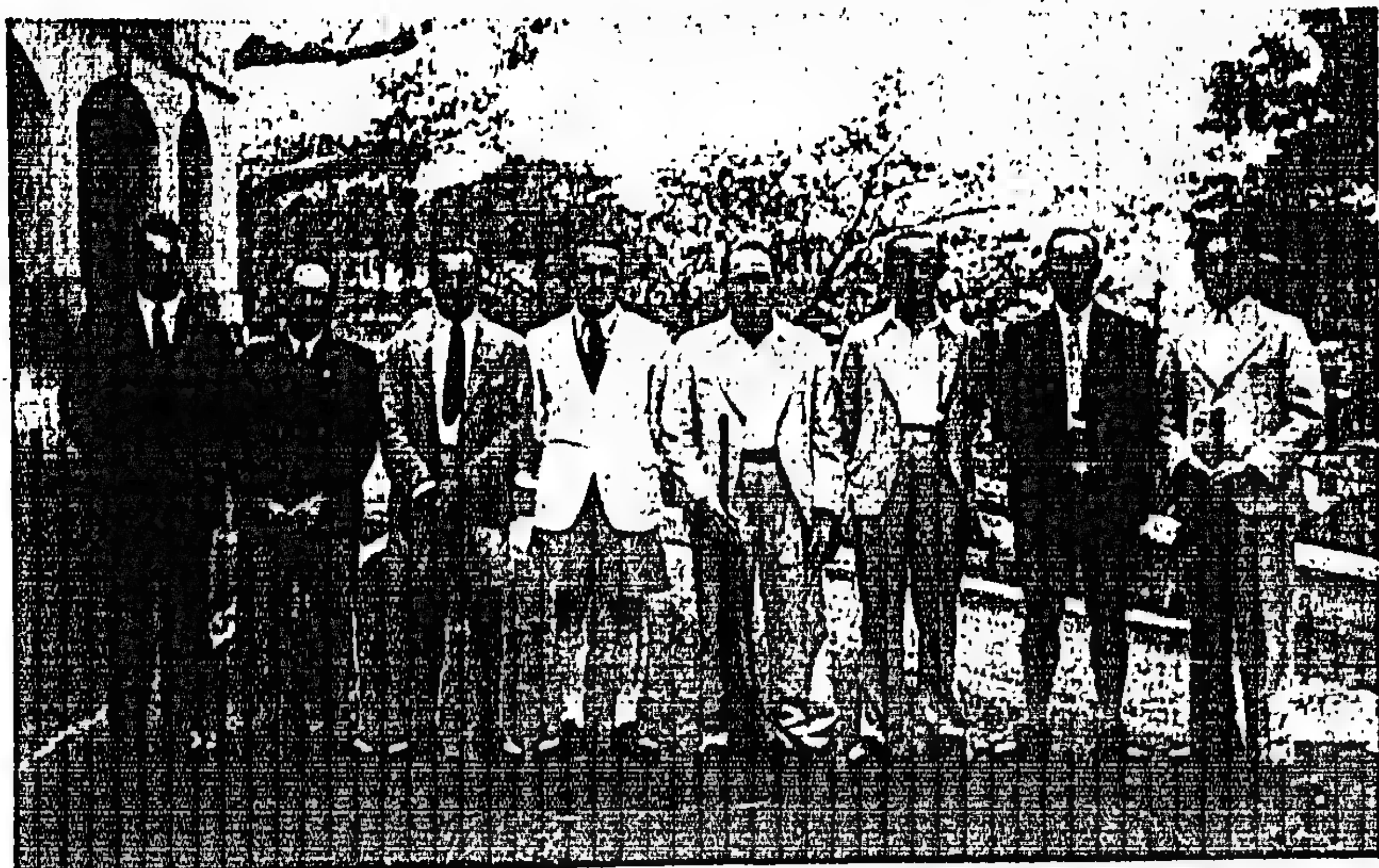
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Expectant Mother On Capetown

Shanghai, Dec. 22.
The Capetown resumed her journey from Nanking this morning, and is due in Kukuang early this evening. The officers aboard face the delicate dilemma as one of two expectant mothers may give birth at any time.
There is no doctor aboard and permission has been asked for her and the child to continue aboard the Capetown to Hongkong as the child's condition will hardly permit transfer to a tender at Woosung. In this case the doctor will board the Capetown at Woosung.—Reuter.

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FOOTBALL NI MACAO Overseas Chinese To Pay Christmas Visit

The Overseas Chinese football team will be visiting Macao during the Christmas holidays and will engage in three matches. The team, which leaves on Saturday morning, includes several well-known league footballers.
The following will be the players making the trip—Wong Wah-ray, Tam Kong-pik, Lam Puk-wai, Ng Tak-wing, Lee Kwok-wai, Mun Sau-ki, Chow Man-chi, Tso Kwai-shing, Ng Po-kui, Chan Tak-fai, Fung King-cheung, Ho Kar-keung, Darryl Lee and Cheung Moon-wing.

CORINTHIANS' SUCCESS

London, Dec. 14.
The Islington Corinthians, who are making a tour of the East and the Far East, have won 21 of their 30 matches in India according to reports received here. Of the remaining nine, seven ended in draws.—Reuter.

CLUB WIN AT RUGBY

Playing against the Small Units on the Club ground yesterday, the Club "A" Rugby XV won eight to nil. Scorers were Dunnett, whose try was converted by Oliphant and Bidwell.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 12.30 p.m. yesterday, says:
The market continued nervous.

Buyers	
Douglas—\$48 1/2	
H.K. Steamships \$8.20	
China Light Ex. Rts \$9.00	
H.K. Electric 150	
Entertainments 83	
Constructions (Old) 1 1/2	
Constructions (New) 81	
Sellers	
Providents (New) \$0.22	
China Light Rights \$4.80	
Hongkong Mines \$0.13	
Sales	
Hongkong Bank \$1,440/50	
H. & S. Hotels \$3	
H.K. Electric \$204/1 1/2	
Constructions (Old) 1 1/2	

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RIFLE SHOOTING Submarines Win

There was another large attendance at the mid-week Spoon and Practice Shoot, held by the Hongkong Rifle Association on the Army Ranges at Kowloon City yesterday afternoon, when a match took place concurrently with the Spoon and Practice Shoot between members of the Rifle Clubs of the Fourth Submarine Flotilla and the 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment. As will be seen from the scores given below, the match resulted in a win for the sailors by the narrow margin of two points, and it should be explained that all the soldiers using the "rifle as issued" and were given a handicap of seven points for each of the six members of the Flotilla R.C. who were using the "1914" weapon, with aperture sight and sling.

Weather conditions were, on the whole, good, but the light was too dull for the comfort of many competitors, while the wind at 300 yards was of varying strength and direction, and was blowing sufficiently hard to make shooting difficult. The outstanding feature of the match was undoubtedly the all-round level of the aggregate obtained by the members of each team, while the high average made by the members using the "rifle as issued" augurs well for the team which will use this rifle when shooting in the S.R. (a) team in the Inter-Colonial Match next week.

The annual Wapenschaw Shoot, normally held on Boxing Day, has been postponed until the Sunday shoot on the morning of January 25, since, owing to the large number of members who are expected to take part in this competition, the only range where sufficient target accommodation is available is at Kowloon City.

Information has been received from the Singapore Rifle Association that that Association and the Federated Malay States Volunteer Rifle Association have agreed to the Conditions of Shooting suggested by the I.K.R.A. for an annual match between members of these three Associations. A letter has come from the Ceylon Rifle Association also agreeing to the proposed conditions for this shoot, and the matter is now being actively pursued with the organisations mentioned.

The Honorary Secretary of the Shanghai Rifle Association, who has been visiting the Colony, recently had an interview with the Honorary Secretary, I.K.R.A., when it was agreed that the conditions of the annual Inter-Port Shoot should be revised in certain of those respects which led the I.K.R.A. to withdraw from the match, and this matter is also receiving the attention of those affected.

The scores in yesterday's match and the leading scores of the usual Spoon and Practice Shoot are as follows:
4th Submarine Flotilla R.C.
300 500 600 Total
Lieut. Jenks 31 29 31 91
E. R. A. Haynes 33 32 37 102

TURF TRAINING TIMES

NEW PONIES' FIRST APPEARANCES AT HAPPY VALLEY

EASY OUTINGS YESTERDAY

The most recent acquisitions to the Hongkong Jockey Club stables made their first appearances at Happy Valley yesterday, but were content with easy gallops over the three quarters and the mile. The times were comparatively slow, but promise was nevertheless shown by several ponies.
The complete times were as follow:

		Dis- tance	1st. Qr.	1/2 Mile	3/4 Mile	1 Mile	Last Qr.
Sub-Griffin No. 56	(S)	3/4	43	1:20.2	1:53		32.3
Sub-Griffin No. 104	(S)	3/4	43	1:20.2	1:53		32.3
See That	(A)	3/4	42	1:20.2	1:54.4		34.2
Alber	(A)	3/4	41.2	1:22	1:53.2		31.2
Viber	(G)	3/4	40	1:22	1:53.2		31.2
Bredon	(A)	3/4	40	1:19	1:52.2		31.2
National Pride	(G)	3/4	41.4	1:00.3	1:36.1		31.3
National Defence	(A)	3/4	34	1:00.3	1:38.1		31.3
Sea Spray	(A)	3/4	40	1:30	2:21		45
Sub-Griffin No. 57	(S)	1	47	1:34.1	2:10	2:51	32
Sub-Griffin No. 93	(S)	1	47	1:34.1	2:10	2:51	32
Merrick	(S)	1	48	1:32.2	2:10	2:55.2	30.2
Golden Brew	(S)	1	48	1:32.2	2:10	2:55.2	30.2
Jobber	(G)	1	34.4	1:13.3	1:52.2	2:23.2	31
Lancashire Lass	(G)	1	51.4	1:39	2:04		29
Lancashire Boy	(S)	1	40	1:20	2:08.1	2:41.3	33.2
Charybdis	(A)	1	40	1:23	1:59	2:29	30
National Crisis	(S)	1	42	1:20.3	1:57.2	2:31.4	34.2
Caplain Blood	(S)	1	42	1:20.3	1:57.2	2:31.4	34.2
Salvage Master	(G)	1	47	1:20.3	2:00.4	2:30.4	30
Harmony Eve	(A)	1	47	1:20.3	2:00.4	2:30.4	30
Simonian Eve	(S)	1	54	1:42	2:28	3:02	34
Full Mark	(S)	1	54	1:42	2:28	3:02	34
Lucky Seven	(S)	1	54	1:42	2:28	3:02	34
Lucky Eleven	(S)	1	53	1:44	2:28	3:03.2	35.2
Barrucito	(S)	1	53	1:44	2:28	3:03.2	35.2
Piet Hein	(S)	1	43	1:23	2:01	2:33	32
Arabian Cat	(S)	1	30.2	1:20.2	2:02	2:34	32
Jack High	(S)	1	41.3	1:22	2:03	2:30.3	33.3
Astrik	(S)	1	44	1:23	2:03.3	2:41.3	38
Eagle	(S)	1	44	1:23	2:03.3	2:41.3	38
Golden Idol	(S)	1	44	1:23	2:03.3	2:41.3	38
National Triumph	(S)	1	44	1:23	2:03.3	2:41.3	38
Victory	(S)	1	44	1:27	2:08	2:45	37
Sub-Griffin No. 55	(S)	1	44	1:27	2:08	2:45	37
Split Hand	(S)	1	51	1:41	2:27	3:05	38
Sea Dragon	(S)	1	51	1:41	2:27	3:05	38
Cricketer	(S)	1	47.4	1:28.1	2:03.2		35.1
Fel Ying	(S)	1	45	1:31	2:18	2:50	38
African Cat	(S)	1	43.3	1:23	1:57		34
Mongolian Cat	(S)	1	43.3	1:23	1:57		34
Lancashire Chap	(S)	1	41.4	1:21	1:57.2	2:33.4	30.2
National Dignity	(S)	1	41.4	1:21	1:57.2	2:33.4	30.2
Five Virtues	(S)	1	44	1:22	1:57.3	2:34	30.2
Rexiana	(S)	1	44	1:22	1:57.3	2:34	30.2
Sunshine Susie	(S)	1	53	1:40	2:36	3:10	34
Cleeve	(S)	1	53	1:40	2:36	3:10	34
The Leopard	(S)	1	55	1:40.3	2:18		35.2
Mac's Second Adventure	(S)	1	51	1:36	2:18	2:50	38
Daddy-Longlegs	(S)	1	47	1:34.4	2:12.2		39.3
Usher	(S)	1	47	1:34.4	2:12.2		39.3
On Your Toe	(S)	1	44.2	1:25	2:02.4		37.4

(G)=Griffins.
(S)=Subscription Griffins.
(A)=Australians.

E. R. A. Seymour	31	33	27	91
P. O. Clark	31	30	32	93
P. O. Clark	31	30	32	93
L/Sea. West (a)	28	28	25	81
L/Sea. Knight	28	28	25	81
A. D. Looker (a)	28	28	25	81
Range Total	227	234	224	685
1st Bn. Middlesex Regiment R.C.	300	500	600	Total
Lieut. Pullman	28	28	29	85
Pte. Moss	28	28	29	85
L/Cpl. Langford	28	28	29	85
L/Cpl. Baker	28	28	29	85
Pte. Cox	28	28	29	85
L/Sgt. Jordan	28	28	29	85
Pte. Middleton	28	28	29	85
Pte. Lever	28	28	29	85
Range Total	211	222	217	650
11'cap	42			602

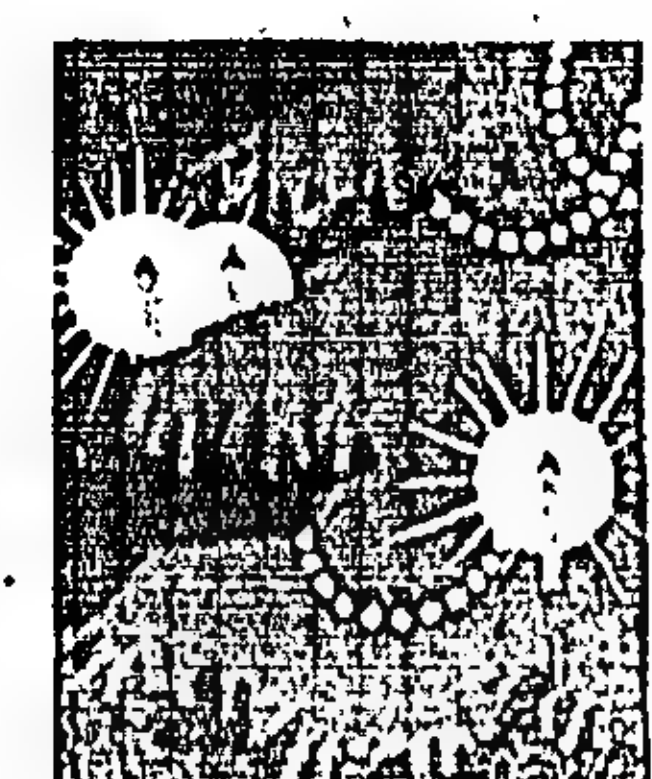
S.R. (b)	300	500	600	Ang.
P.O. W. F. Haynes (Ser.)	33	32	37	102
P.O. C. Clark (3)	33	34	29	96
P.O. A. C. Hinds (4)	31	30	32	93
Lieut. Jenks (Ser.)	31	30	31	92
Lieut. Seymour (2)	30	29	37	96
Sgt. Mannell (Ser.)	30	31	29	90
E.A. T. G. Johns	30	30	30	90
All the above competitors used the "1914" rifle.				
L/Cpl. R. Langford (5)	30	31	30	91
Pte. E. Moss (7)	28	28	29	85
L/Sgt. E. J. Jordan (6)	28	28	29	85
Lieut. Pullman (7)	28	28	29	85
P.O. H. Richards (6)	30	30	23	83
Lieut. L. B. Holmes (6)	24	23	30	77
Lieut. T. F. Baker (6)	23	23	32	78
Pte. A. H. Cox (9)	28	28	29	85
Pte. T. Smith (6)	24	28	29	81
Pte. W. Cranston (9)	28	30	29	87
L/Cpl. J. Baird (9)	28	28	27	83

* Denotes the winner of the "handicap" spoon.
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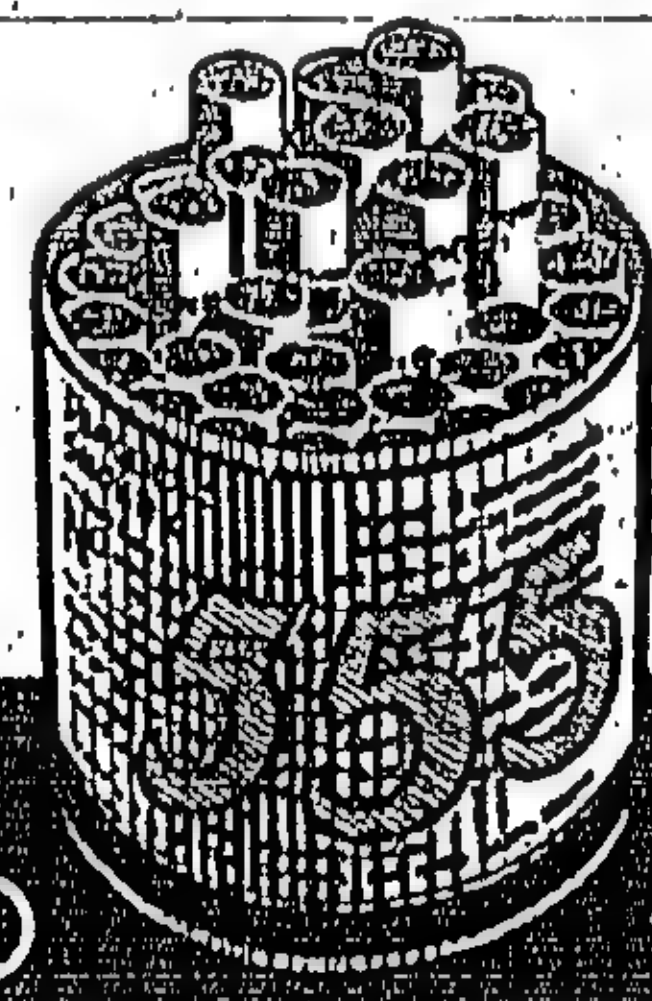
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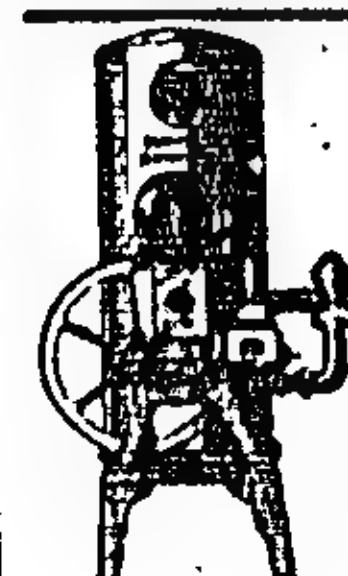
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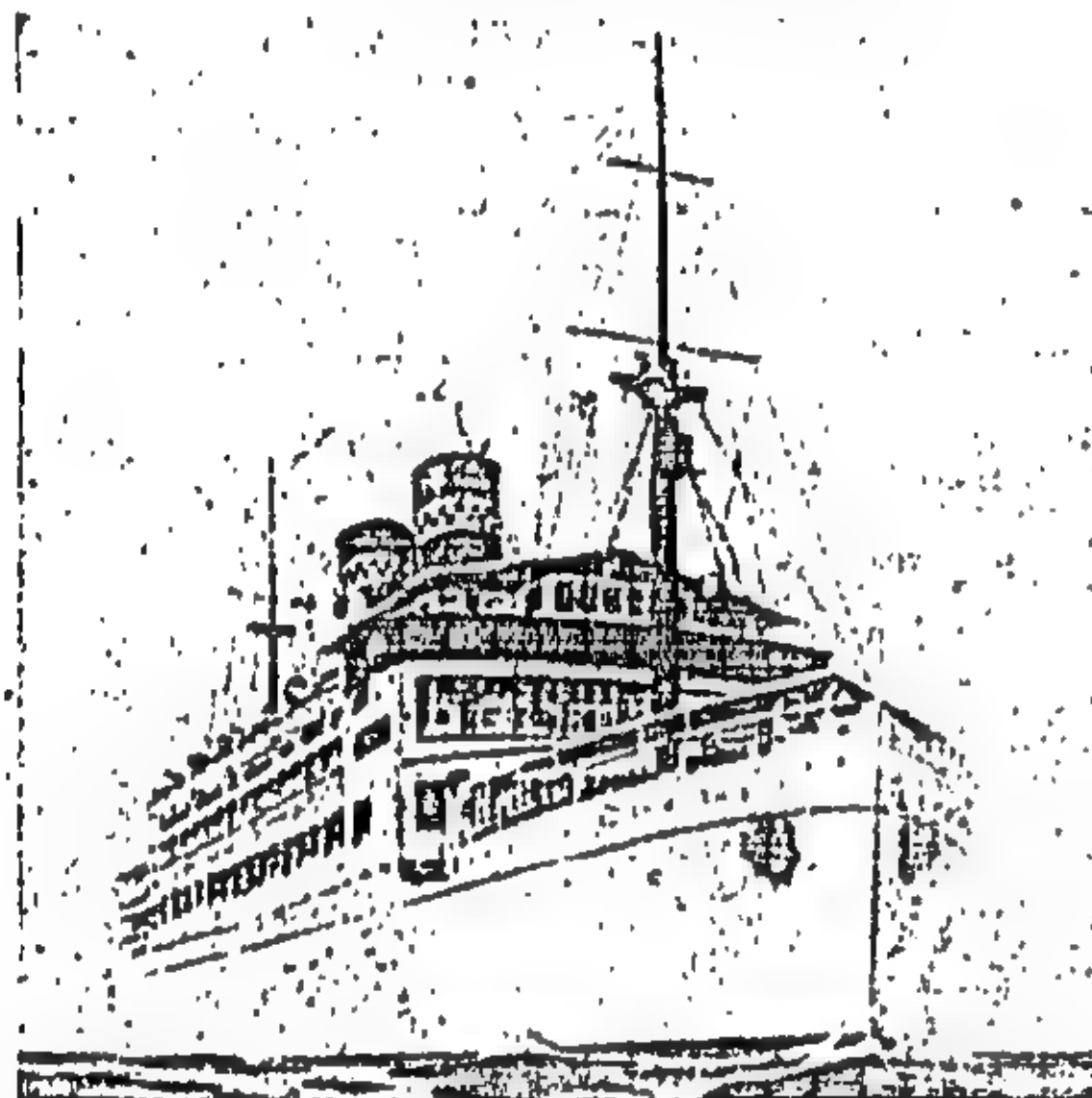
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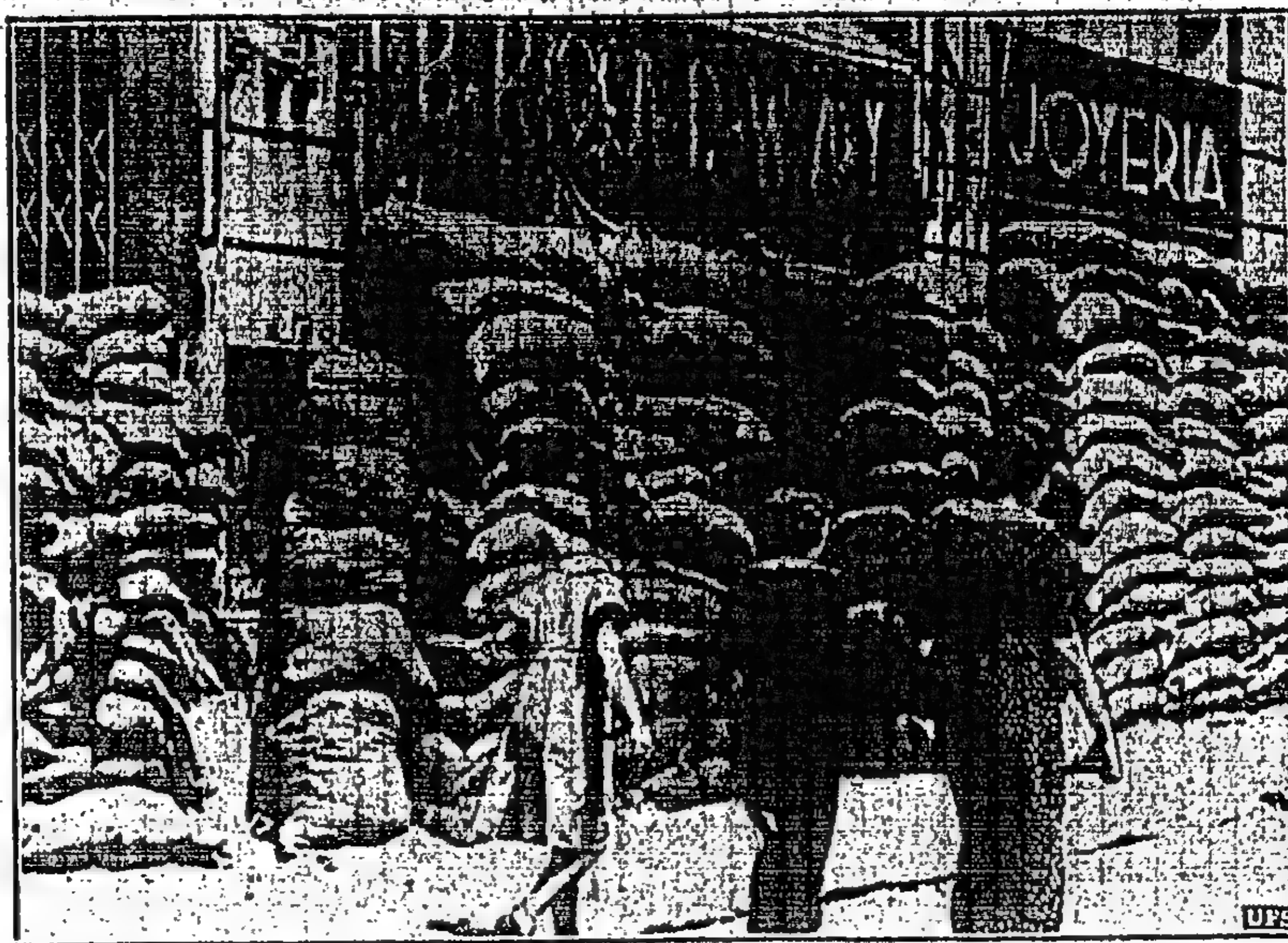
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The Price of Progress

EVERY time a pilot is killed in air racing, or trying to put up a new record, a number of people cry out in protest. Is it any use, they ask, sacrificing lives like this, in mad helter-skelter dashes about the skies, in an endeavour to put a mile or two on the speed record over a given course?

There is only one answer:—Racing must go on; lives must be given so that the quiet, everyday passengers who want to use air services for business and pleasure shall keep their lives and their safety.

I was flying in 1911 when the top speed in the air was between 40 and 50 m.p.h. In those days, all pilots were called fools and potential suicides.

Perhaps they were. I know we came hopping down often enough! If the wind blew, down we came; if we tried to get about at night, down we came; if anything upset our balance in the air, causing a simple sideslip, a loop, or a spin—down we came!

I came down a few times myself. Once the man who is now Air Chief Marshal Sir John Salmond crashed a machine that I was due to fly as soon as he stepped out of it.

Lessons Learned

Once Lord Trenchard came down heavily when I was his passenger. The ground knocked off most of the undercarriage and shook the life out of the rest of the machine—and nearly out of us—but what was learned from that flight was of invaluable service to the designers.

I have tested hundreds of machines and flown in dozens of big races—King's Cup, Schneider Trophy, and many others.

In one King's Cup Race, my propeller flew off, chawed up the solitary engine, broke, hit me on the head, and stunned me for a second or two—and then fell exactly between two boys playing in a backyard. They were delighted!

I was over Newcastle at the time—and it looks jolly spiky from the air. I got down somehow on the only open space for miles—a factory slag-heap.

On another occasion, I crashed a Schneider racer going flat out. We hit the sea at 300 m.p.h. and the machine flew to bits like a bomb. It wasn't nice. But an improvement in the design of that machine—the old S.P.—is now incorporated in many essentials in all private and public aircraft in this country.

Bert Hinkler was my pal. He put up a lot of records and then got killed in the Alps, trying to make one more. Again, the industry learned something.

Improving Design

The machine that won the Australia race was a racer pure and simple. But now machines of a similar type—only four times as big—are flying the Atlantic, ready for next summer's mail and passenger service to America.

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I say "hats off" to the pilots who give their lives to the game! We have never indebted them. We flew the Atlantic first. We won the Schneider Trophy "for keeps." We won the Australia race.

Since I began flying at Hendon in 1911, I have seen the speed record put up to more than five times what it was. The altitude record has gone up almost as much. Safety in the air has gone up about a hundred times as much.

In those days we carried one or two passengers at our peril—and theirs! Now I have flown a machine capable of carrying 149 passengers. It was a midge beside machines whose blueprints are already in the offices of Pan-American and Imperial Airways. I was told that Pan-

Test Pilots Must Face Risks

By Captain H. C. Liard

American have blueprinted a hundred-tonner. The biggest machine in commercial service now is, I believe, about 18 tons. I have tested hundreds of new designs, things that were mere

theories put into wire, steel, wood, and canvas. Any one of them might have hurled me to destruction—a good many tried to.

I am just an ordinary test pilot. There are dozens like me, who earn their daily bread by facing risks on new designs.

There are others who have had bad luck and got killed, racing, testing, or just quietly flying about. But not one life was wasted. Each death helped the designers to bring greater safety into public and private aircraft.

Tragic Golf Stories—And Others

TO the casual observer the rules which govern the game of golf, especially in the various championships, may seem unduly strict, but these laws must be as stringent as those of the Medes and Persians. One can recall a few curious incidents when a momentary lapse by the competitor was fraught with serious consequences.

The most recent incident was that of a few weeks ago, when a noted player, practically assured of victory, thoughtlessly dropped his ball on the green for a practice shot while waiting for his opponent to play, and was at once disqualified.

A very hard luck case, again, was that of Roger Weatherhead during play in the Open Championship at St. Andrews. In the course of the game his ball lay a few feet from the hole, and he prepared to putt. He walked towards the hole to note the lie of the ground, and in stepping backwards his heel came into contact with his ball, and he was penalised a stroke. He tied with Hutchesson for first place, and lost on the replay.

The Broken Club

Some queer things, too, not so well known, happen in club competitions. I wonder how the majority of golfers would solve the following problem:—

The club competition was a "one club only" game—that is, the competitors could select one club and one club only, to play throughout the match. One contestant armed with the popular choice, a mid-iron, had the misfortune half-way through the game to break his weapon, whereupon he borrowed another and finished the course, returning the best score of the day.

He was promptly objected to on the grounds that he had broken the "one club" rule by actually using two clubs. The matter was referred to the Club Committee for decision, and it was eventually decided, I think rightly, that the expression "one club only" might be construed

as meaning "one club of a kind only." But what a field here for legal argument!

Another peculiar case of extreme bad luck happened to two golfers in a Glasgow competition. While waiting their turn to play off they amused themselves by hitting a golf ball from one to the other some distance from the first tee. The outward man, while driving back to his friend, slipped his ball a little. It struck a tree and rebounded on to one of the greens. The ball was immediately retrieved, and they gave the matter no further thought.

The incident, however, had been observed by some sharp eye and reported, and when the two competitors returned with the lost score of the day they were informed that they were disqualified, as the club rules, while allowing practice on the fairways, forbade the use of the greens.

Many Excuses

A somewhat similar case occurred during a club competition at Luttrell. Two members while waiting their turn started quite innocently to practise putting on the last green. They awoke to the stern realities of the situation when they were promptly debarred from taking any further part in the competition.

To finish in less tragic vein one might recall the farewell speech of a certain Mr. "D." of Glasgow, who at the age of 80 resigned his club membership at a dinner given in his honour.

"It has pained me to discover," he said, amid the hilarious laughter of an appreciative if somewhat conscience-stricken audience, "that my opponent I happened to beat these last few months has invariably been afflicted for that day only either with lumbago, neuralgia, spinal meningitis, sleep sickness, the bots, or housemaid's knee, and I refuse to be any longer associated with such a set of decrepit invalids."

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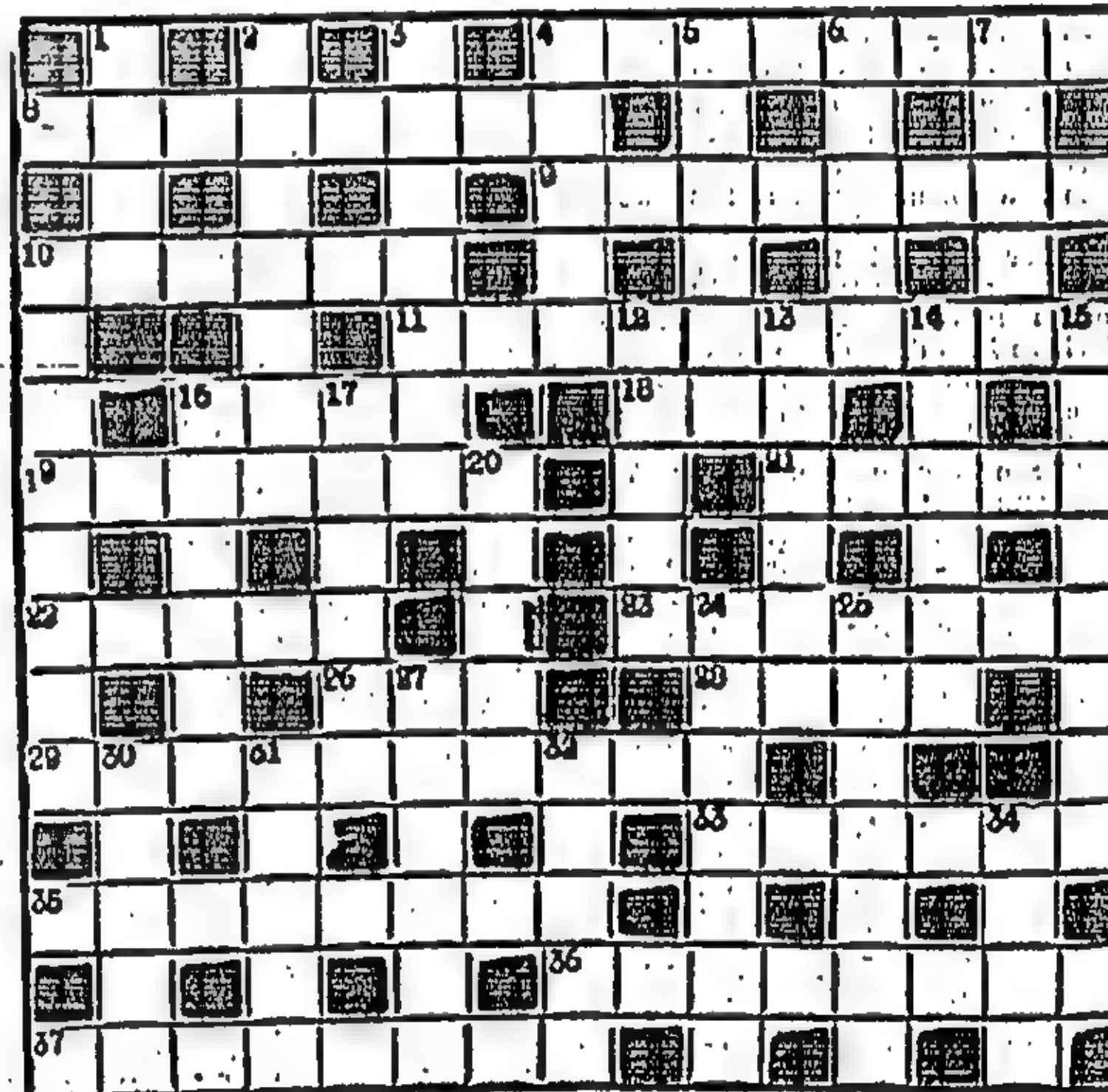
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- Not a bed case (10).
- One casts this with us in sport (4).
- Men smell it to their advantage (3).
- Share mostly soundly suggests five of Cockney grief (7).
- Precious stones make this part of England (5).
- The heart greets, and all is not lost (5).
- One who may help to adorn the stars (7).
- Shelter for a backward fish (3).
- The turn of the tide in the Mediterranean (4).
- It has safety on one side, peril on the other (10).
- Making a record, but not in a particular note (6).
- This plays when it works (6).
- Ever and ever (8).
- Where dates are found (6).

DOWN

- In Russia this girl is identified with current movements (4).
- Spurs were not worn in this part of a warship (7).
- This fish possessed a plant (7).
- This is no credit to anyone (5).
- Even the poorest can keep his head above this (8).
- Evidently one of two members of the family has "gone native" (5).
- A double humorist (5).
- A "dig" about the attitude is suggested (8).

12 The weight to beat (5).

13 What is tried could be made to detect (6).

14 Here more readily anagram of this in war time to this request (6).

15 Coming to the point, both halves may be binding (6).

16 Compelled to proceed (6).

17 This would be beneath a M.F.H. of course (6).

18 This has never gone out of fashion with artists (5).

19 And this is to come in again (7).

20 Standing successfully for Parliament is a necessary prelude to this (7).

21 A small commission, no doubt (6).

22 The cold may not leave one the sense to notice this (5).

23 This painting depicts ordinary life (5).

24 A neighbour of the magpie (5).

25 Seeds of sorts (4).

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DUCHESS' WARDROBE—Here in preparation are lovely clothes for the Duchess of Windsor. These midnights of the Milson Mainbocher in Paris are at work on some of the gown. Straight lines are a feature of the design, avoiding reference to periods. Blue is the dominant colour.



AILING COVADONGA—This is how the Count of Covadonga, former heir to the Spanish throne, looked during his latest attack of hemophilia, the ravaging blood disease inherited from his Bourbon ancestors. He is shown in a Miami, Fla. hotel. Meanwhile, his second wife, the former Maria Rocafort of Havana, has secured a divorce in a Havana court.



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8.15	Lv	WUHU	Lv	12.45	
9.35	Ar	NANKING	Lv	11.25	
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	0.40	Lv SHASI	Lv	15.45			
	10.40	Lv ICHANG	Lv	14.45			
	12.00	Lv WANHSIEN	Lv	12.25			
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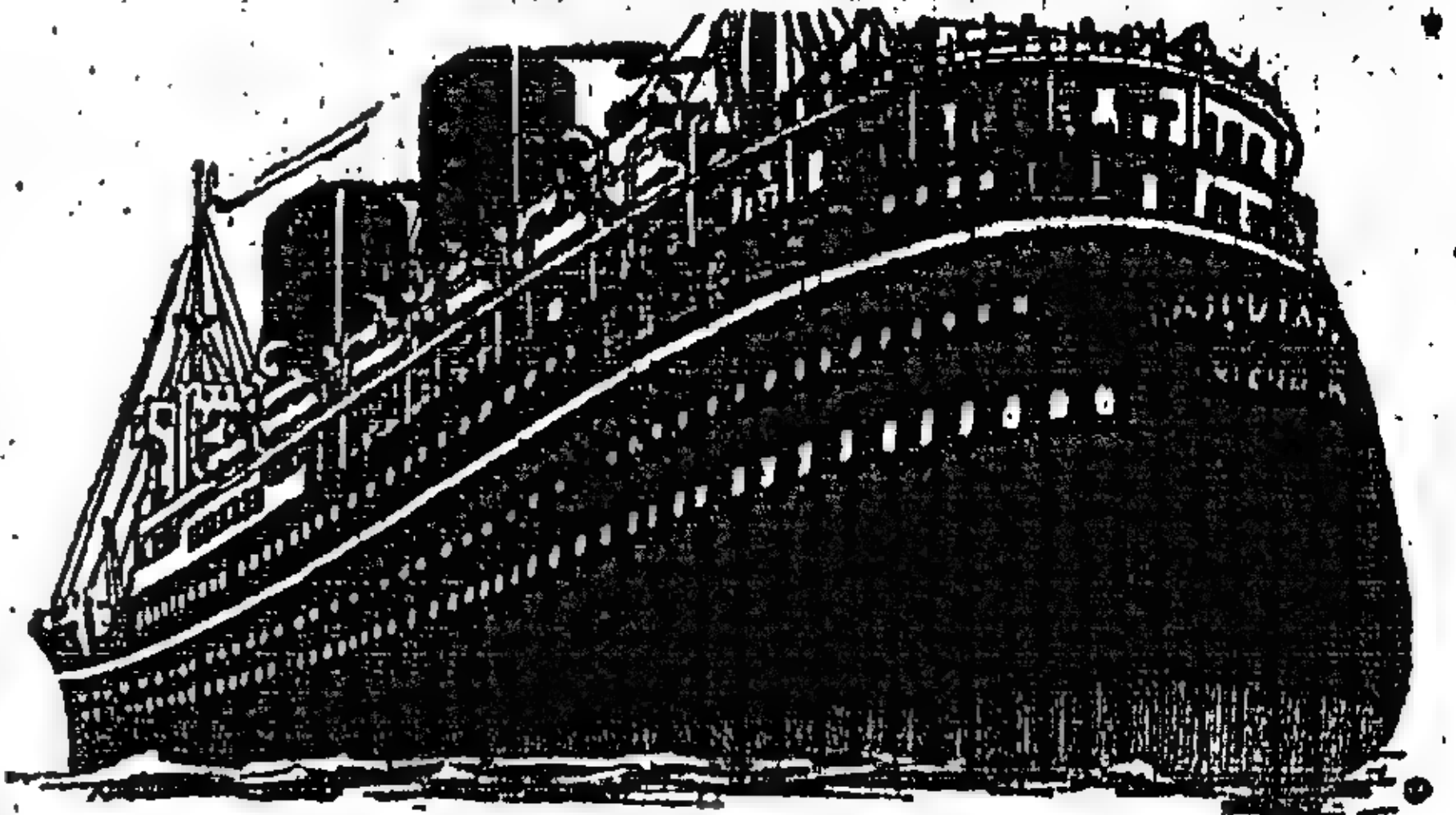
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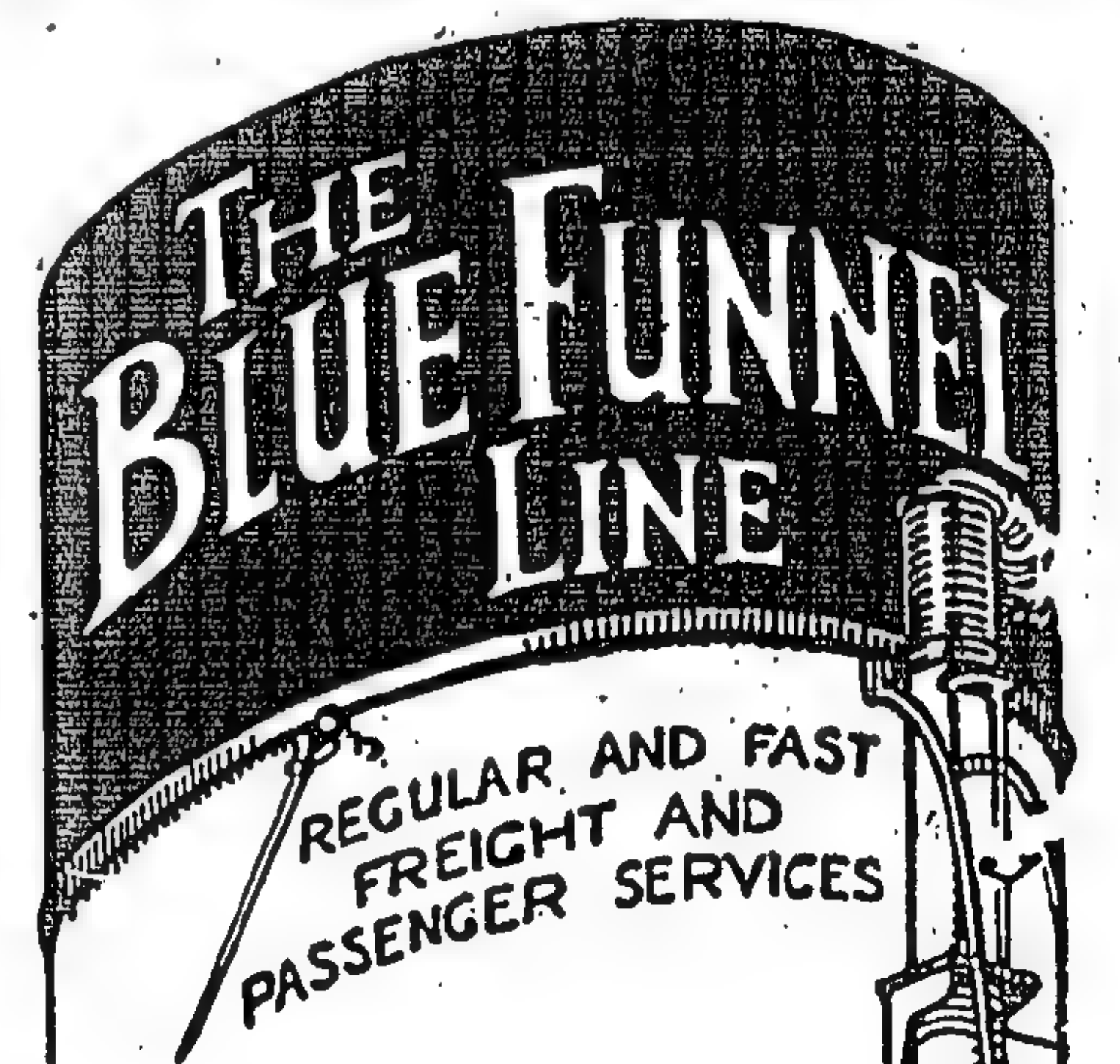
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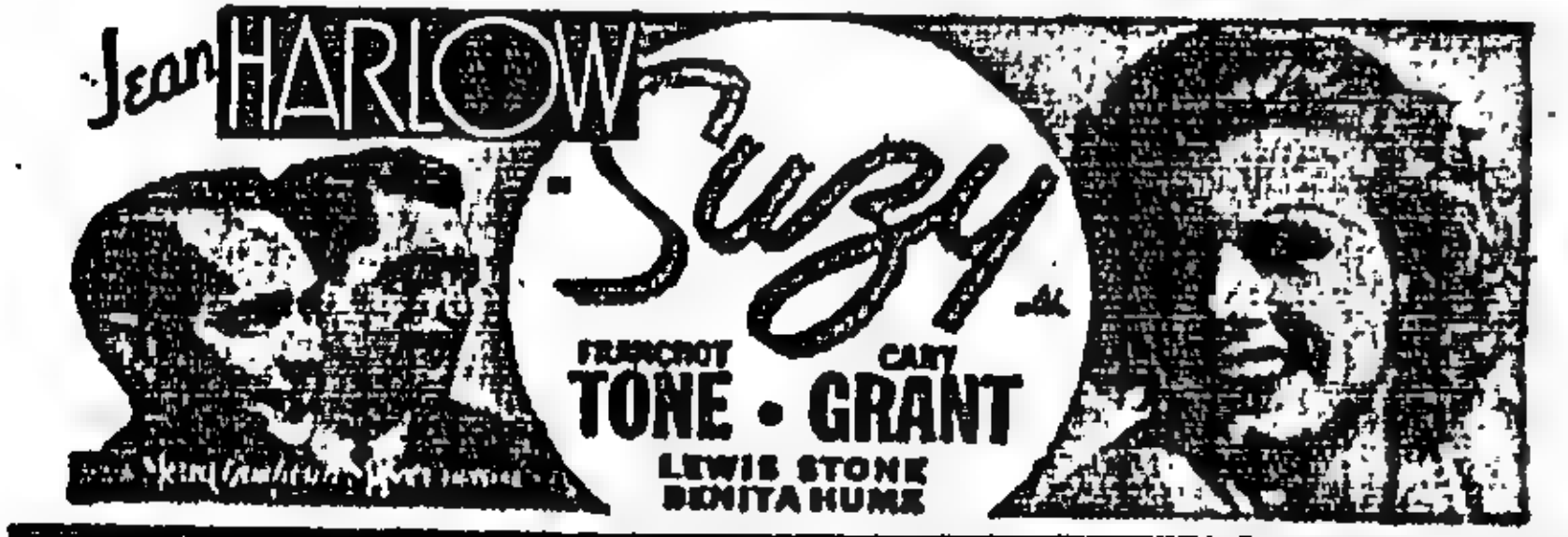
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Bolsterous, breezy, witty, humorous and musical, the much publicised crazy revue "Hello Hongkong" gave a keenly attentive audience last night three hours of the China Fleet Club striking a new note in local stage-board productions.

One could have wished for a little more polish, but this deficiency was likely due to first-night nervousness, more than lack of rehearsal. Most of the turns, though, were remarkably good, and provoked constant ripples of mirth from the auditorium.

Charles Gill was a big hit with his comedy song "Almost A Lady," and showed a distinct flair for burlesque of the best music hall type. There were some amusing interpolations by Charles Owen and Edward Talbot, but the cleverest items were a vignette "Between Dances" by Owen and Peggy Walker, and a dumb show "Gestures" by Thomas Barlow and Owen.

Desmond Martin put the company on good terms with the audience early in the show with some splendidly spun yarns, and Owen, Gill and Barlow figured in a glorious little satirical sketch "The Old Man."

"The Crazy Parade" opened the second part of the programme on an original note, and a "melodramatic" which was cleverly conceived, but dragged a little through want of spontaneous "gagging," made a fitting end to this variety programme.

Enjoyable songs were sung by Rosamaria Gumbler and Erik Nelson, and the orchestra did much to enhance the general standard of the show.

A further performance will be given to-night.

The Players

Lt. Edward Talbot (Medway), Lt. Desmond Martin (Medway), Sub-Lt. Charles Owen (Westcott), Sub-Lt. Christopher Gough (Decoy), Sub-Lt. Thomas Barlow (Medway), Rosamaria Gumbler, Peggy Walker, Guest-Artists—Erik Nelson, P. O. Charles Gill (Medway), Accompanist—Pay, Cadet Michael Collins (Cumberland), Organiser—Sub-Lieut. Charles Owen (Westcott), Asst. Stage Manager, P. O. Johnson, (Westcott), Back-Stage Staff, Messrs. Richardson, Luke Turner, Master of the Foyer, C. P. O. Gould, (Westcott), Commissioner, P. O. Turner, (Westcott), Programme Sellers, Messrs. Finlayson, Kirwan, Littlewood, Evans.

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The Revue was held to raise funds for the Naval Chaplain's Fund for Seamen's Welfare, comprising the Royal Naval Recreation Club, the Royal Naval Band, the Singapore and the Dockyard branch of the Ministering Children's League; and also to assist T.O.E. in their work for the Sailing Club Chinese 'Boys' Club.

WOMAN CHASES JAP'S RECORD

Paris, Dec. 22.
Mlle. Maryse Hilsz, the French aviatrix, who was attempting a long-distance non-stop record flight, reached Calcutta early this morning. She has now abandoned the attempt on the long-distance record, but hopes to beat M. Jap's Paris to Saigon record.—Reuter.

BOYCOTT JAPAN

London, Dec. 22.
The British section of the International Transport Workers' Federation held a meeting in London to-day and decided to support a policy to boycott Japanese goods.—Reuter.

GREAT PROGRAMME OF MANOEUVRES IN PACIFIC EXPECTED

If the situation in the Far East is relieved sufficiently by April next year, troops and warships stationed in Hongkong will participate in the greatest combined British manoeuvres ever held in the Pacific.

According to the Hampshire Telegraph and Naval Chronicle, the China Squadron of the Royal Navy, the Royal Australian Navy, the New Zealand Division of the Royal Navy, Royal Air Force planes stationed at Singapore and Hongkong and Royal Australian Air Force planes, as well as military units, are to participate in the combined operations.

The manoeuvres will open with an attack on the Australian coast between Byron Bay, near the northern boundary of New South Wales, and Melbourne, the capital of Victoria—approximately one thousand miles of coastline, involving the defence of Australia's most vital secondary industries. The area includes the great industrial towns of Newcastle and Port Kembla, with their immense steel production plants, in addition to Sydney and Melbourne, two cities in which reside almost one-half of Australia's total population.

The attack will be made by vessels of the China Squadron and the New Zealand division, and Australia will be defended by the Royal Australian Navy and the Royal Australian Air Force.

These large scale manoeuvres will reveal the strength and the weakness of Australia's combined defences. It is planned to stage an even greater display near Port Darwin later in the year. The China Squadron, including H.M.S. Eagle and over 30 warplanes, and the New Zealand Division of the Royal Navy, will attack Port Darwin, which will be defended by the Royal Australian Navy, the Royal Australian Air Force, Far Eastern Command, from Singapore.

GOVERNOR DELIGHTS CEYLON

Amusing Speech To
Scottish Planters

"In the registers of the Kennel Club, I suppose I would be recorded as a mongrel. I prefer the phraseology of Scotch distillers, who would refer to me as 'a special blend'."

This was part of a delightful informal talk by Sir Andrew Caldecott, former Governor of Hongkong, at the St. Andrew's Society dinner in Colombo recently.

Scottish tea and rubber planters from all over Ceylon who heard their new Governor's speech, says the Singapore Sunday Times, were delighted with his intimate manner and easy delivery.

Speaking almost conversationally, without raising his voice, Sir Andrew replied to the charge that he was only one-eighth-Scot by admitting that he is of "predominantly English ancestry, but my progenitors for many generations resided in Wales." Sir Andrew added that he had an Irish grandmother and a Scottish great-grandmother.

"I am," said Sir Andrew, "to a certain extent grateful for my heterogeneous ancestry because I feel that I owe to the Irish a logical mind and a phlegmatic temper; to the English I owe a lack of insularity and a healthy disregard for compromise, and to the Scots I am indebted for a healthy freedom from anxieties in connection with questions of finance in the Colony."

Sir Andrew Caldecott has been getting acquainted with the Kandy area of Ceylon and was the first person to be examined under first-class X-ray equipment just delivered to the hospital there. Some years ago he fractured the bone of his little finger, and the Kandy examination revealed that the finger was in perfect condition with the bone well set.

STOP PRESS

Britain's Indignation Still High

London, Dec. 23.
British indignation at the recent attacks on His Majesty's ships by Japanese naval airmen and military artillery in the Yangtse has not been perceptibly softened by the interesting variety of explanations offered by spokesmen of the Japanese services and their diplomatic colleagues, declares the Daily Telegraph in an editorial to-day.

Meanwhile it is fairly evident that the desire of the Japanese Army to avoid loss of "face" is seriously holding up the inquiries promised to both the British and American Governments following the outrages of December 12.

With the best will in the world it will be difficult to place much credence in the capacity of the Japanese Government to prevent future "incidents" if it cannot even inquire into the past.

ATTITUDE NOT SOFTENED

After stating that the United States attitude is not being softened by time, the Telegraph adds: "As far as Britain is concerned the recent violation of territorial waters of Hongkong makes an independent but aggravating fact. It is easier to regard this as an isolated error in judgment on the part of one Japanese officer than to pass over the Yangtse incidents on the same supposition. But it is essential it shall not be repeated."—Reuter.

REFUGEE BURDEN TOO GREAT

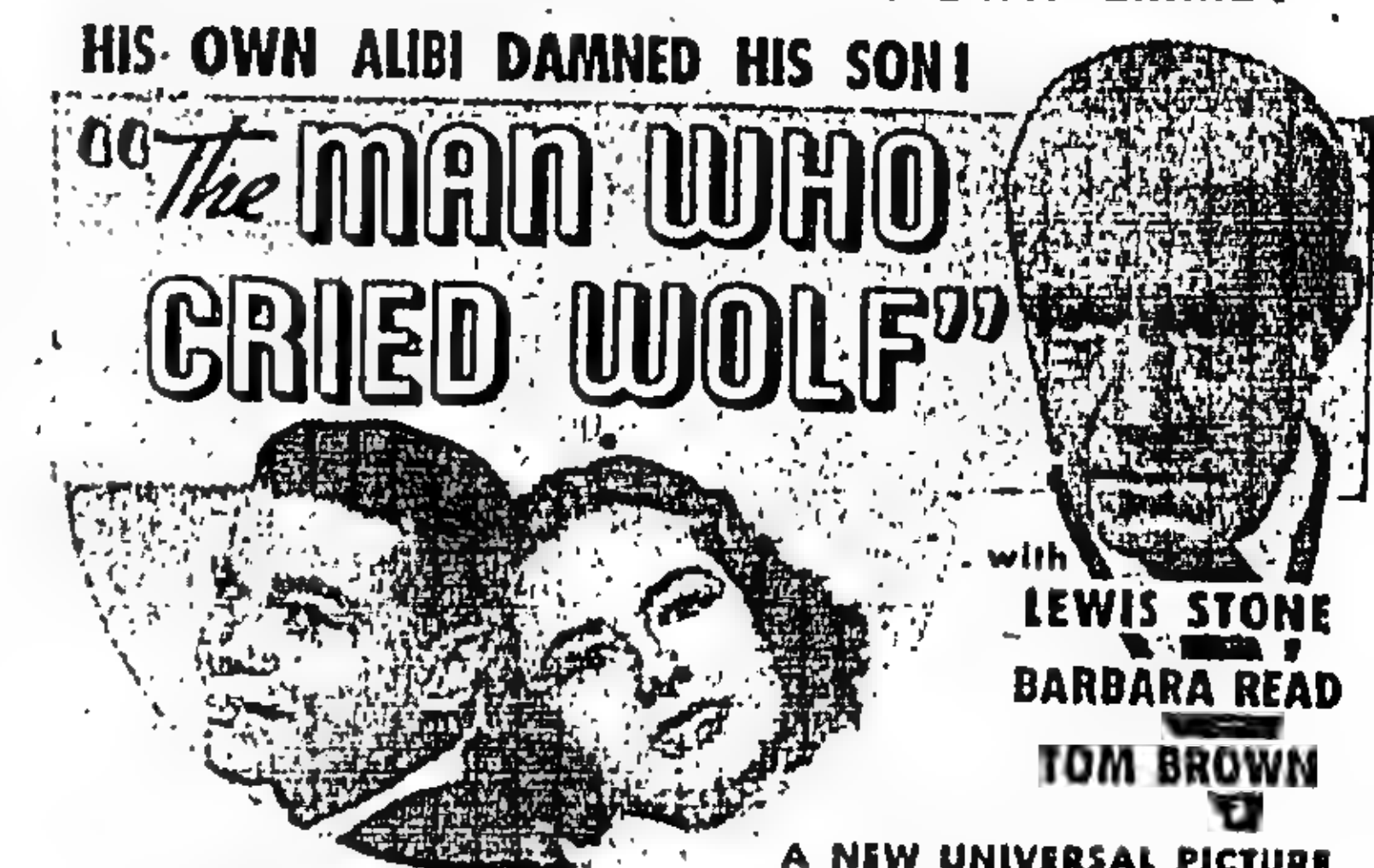
Hankow, Dec. 23.
An unprecedented situation has been created in Chungking as a result of the considerable exodus from Hankow. The city is so crisscrossed that the authorities are not allowing any further arrivals, with the result many steamers loaded with refugees have been compelled to drop their human cargoes at Ichang and Wanshan.

There is no more housing accommodation in Chungking. Many shops doing business all day are renting their counters as beds at night. The city also faces a serious food shortage and the authorities here are urging all refugees coming into Szechuan to bring their own food.

A similar situation, though not so acute, exists at Changsha.—Reuter.

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HONGKONG INCIDENT RECALLED

London, Dec. 22.
It is understood that the British Government has presented a note to the Japanese Government concerning the attack on a Chinese Customs launch on December 11 in British waters near Hongkong.

A Japanese destroyer fired on the cruiser just outside the three-mile limit and the latter immediately rushed back and beached in the New Territories. Later two Japanese destroyers entered British waters and towed the cruiser away.—Reuter Bulletin.

BRINGING MAIL FROM DORADO

The Imperial Airways Delphinus which left here yesterday for Hanol to pick up the freight being brought to Hongkong on the Dorado when she broke a wing and undercarriage landing at Hanol, is due to return to Kai Tak at about 3 p.m. to-day.

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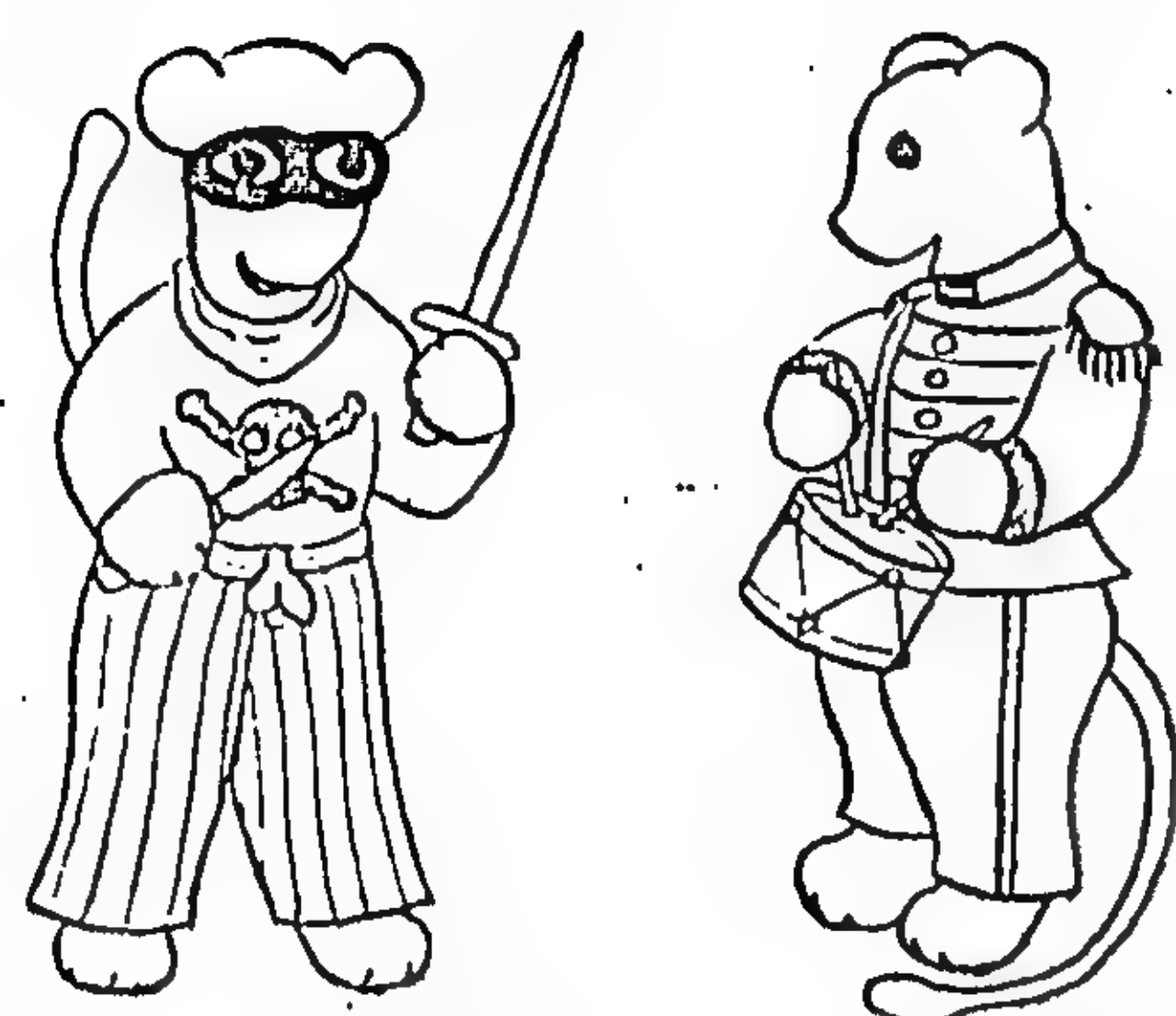
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DRUMMER-BOY.—Sew a strip of braid up the sides of the trousers. Cut out the drum and mallet from any piece of black material. Round the neck with a gay handkerchief; over the eyes with a pair of black paper.

PRACTICAL JOKER

or
The Life of the Party

"GILLY gilly gilly," remarked the magician behind the counter, and the green handkerchief in his hand suddenly blushed scarlet. "Gilly gilly gilly," he repeated, helping himself to a bright new penny from mid-air. "It's all very simple," he went on. "Take the penknife trick. The movement of the hand generates electricity in the atmosphere which works on the surface of the penknife, thereby extracting the colour from it and leaving a plain white surface, and then—" "Thank you," said one of the audience in front of the counter. "All very, very simple; and, of course, there aren't two penknives. Oh, no!"

Must know the magic Words

"No. But you need magic words, gilly gilly gilly," said the magician. "Or, for the second best, abracadabra. And now let's look at the Magic Dice."

He paused to take breath. "Don't you dance? Don't you sing? Never mind, they may laugh when you sit down at the piano, but you'll be the lion of any party with this simple little trick." He began waving his arms in the air.

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If you want to hear that contented sigh— Put plenty of mince in

by
HOME PAGE COOK

THE most disappointing pie in the world is a mince pie without any mince in it.

There are two ways of achieving this. The first is either to omit the mince altogether, or else to enclose so little in your pastry that even total omission would look less stingy than the trace of currants which remain.

Letting them Leak

The other way is to fill your pies so full that they spring a leak while being cooked. In this instance the substance of the mince may be left, but all the juices and flavours will have evaporated in the baking tin.

So obviously more than half the art of making mince pies is to cram them with mince right up to the danger line, but not beyond. Having crammed them, brush the edges of the bottom paste with white of egg, and press the upper half securely down, closing the edges tightly with the finger tips.

Two sorts of Pastry

The pastry should be either puff or rough puff. For the former use equal weight of flour and butter, a squeeze of

lemon juice, cold water, and a pinch of salt.

For the latter use equal parts of butter and lard, with twice their weight in flour.

Do not cut your pastry immediately after you have rolled it out.

Hot Drink

for
teetotalers
GINGER PUNCH

for
totalers
MULLED CLARET

STICK a large orange with twelve cloves and roast until the skin becomes dark.

Put in a small stewpan half a pint of water, an eggspoon of powdered mace, and an eggspoon of ginger, cinnamon, and allspice, also the thinly pared rind of a lemon.

Boil for half an hour, strain, and add the juice of a lemon, ½ lb. of powdered sugar, the roasted orange, and a bottle of ginger wine. Heat slowly until just boiling and serve.

MIX in a large bowl, that can be heated over the fire, in the following proportions and in quantity according to the number of your guests: Two bottles of claret or burgundy, a quarter of a bottle of brandy, and a quarter of a bottle of orange curacao, a pint of water, an orange stuck with cloves, several sticks of cinnamon, a grated nutmeg, and a port glass full of essence of ginger. Keep the mixture covered and simmering for half an hour, adding the water gradually. Serve through a strainer and drink hot.

H A M

How to cook it and
how to use it up

IN the old days an uncooked ham was quite a usual Christmas present. The cook would soak it and bake it for 24-48 hours, according to the size and curing.

But now that our kitchens and ovens are so much smaller and our time more limited, we prefer to receive our Christmas ham ready cooked from the grocer.

Why not give your husband one for a present?

Nearly all men enjoy a good ham, and after you have eaten the best and juiciest part with cold turkey or on its own with pickled peaches, there are such a variety of things you can do with the remaining meat.

When it starts to get a bit dry and the family are just a little sick of its dominating position on the sideboard, try out some of the following recipes:

Barbecued Ham

Fry the required number of thin ham slices. Arrange them in a serving dish, and pour the following sauce over them; add to the ham fat lid for a few minutes before serving, to brown the potatoes.

Ham Supreme

Peel, core and slice two medium-sized apples, peel and slice 1 lb. potatoes, and place all the slices on top of the ham. Add ½ pint of stock, salt, cayenne pepper and a dessertspoonful of Worcester sauce. Put the lid on the casserole and place in the oven for 1½ hours.

York Pudding

This excellent supper dish is a good way of using up the cut bread and butter over from your Christmas party. Spread six thin slices of bread and butter very lightly over with mustard and line a pie dish with them.

Fill up the dish with alternate layers of minced ham (you will need about 6 ozs altogether) and sliced tomatoes. Meanwhile, make a savoury custard by beating an egg yolk in a saucepan and adding gradually ½ pint milk over a slow fire, salt, pepper, paprika, and ½ teaspoonful cornflour (dissolved in a little of the milk). Pour this over your pudding and brown in the oven till the custard is set.

Ham Hot Pot

Very good for lunch on a freezing day. Soak ½ to ¾ lb. ham for an hour. N.B.—All the above recipes should be done with cooked ham.

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Star Recipe

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This is very popular with mothers and nurses for the young children as it is light and easily digested. Allow one white egg or 1 lb. cooking apples. Bake or steam the fruit (do not boil it in water or the juice will not be stiff enough) and work through a sieve. Add sugar to taste and vanilla essence. Beat the egg whites to a stiff froth and fold them into the apple juice little by little, beating it all the time with an eggwhisk. Go on beating after the egg froth is in till the mixture is nearly white.

ICING the Cake

HOWEVER good your Christmas cake may be inside, its success very much depends on good icing—especially if there are critical youngsters at the Christmas treatable. Here is a well-tried method which we feel many of our readers will welcome.

First level the top of the cake, turn it upside down and brush with lightly whipped white of egg, cover with a layer of almond paste and flatten with a rolling pin. The sides can be iced in the same way if liked. Dry and harden the icing in a cool oven.

A Smooth Finish

When the almond paste is quite cold, royal icing is added. The easiest way is to place the cake on a revolving stand, dip a palette knife in cold water, and smooth the icing by putting the point of the knife in the middle of the cake and revolving it in position.

The royal icing can be sprinkled with castor sugar before it dries, to give the idea of snow. With a forcing bag decorate the sides and edge with white or coloured icing, and finish the cake with trails of artificial holly or with tiny Christmas figures. To make the decorations adhere, dip a fine brush in beaten egg white and use on the cake.

Almond Paste

Mix a pound of ground almonds with ½ lb. each icing and castor sugar, add lightly beaten eggs to make a fairly stiff paste, and flavour with rosewater or almond essence. Knead with the hands and roll out about an inch thick on a board sprinkled with icing sugar. Egg whites alone can be used for a pale, dry paste, or yolks only for a rich yellow paste, or the whole egg if more convenient. Two or three eggs will be needed for this amount of icing.

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Executions Without Trial

Even in the periods of comparative quiet, such as between the end of the famine in the autumn of 1933 and the murder of Kirov in December, 1934, routine and undramatic executions without trial continued throughout the country; the forced labour battalions continued to dig canals and lay railroad tracks; fear and sudden punishment continued as the most important elements in the nation's political life.

One simple test should suffice to prove the essentially terroristic character of the Stalin era; namely, the use of the death penalty for "crimes" which in civilised countries are misdemeanours.

Offences which at one time or another during the 1927-37 decade were made punishable by death include:—

Killing a cow without official permission;
Hoarding copper and silver coins;
Stealing State property (in the U.S.S.R. this really means theft of any kind);

Attempting to leave the country without permission;
Refusing to return to the U.S.S.R. from foreign countries when ordered to do so;
Agitating in any manner against the Soviet system of government and economy.

The balance sheet of 10 years of Stalin's reign is meaningless if it does not include the following items on the debit side:

Dispersal of the Opposition—This, the opening scene of Stalin's overlordship, involved the exile to harsh climates and distant areas not merely of the leaders (Trotzky, Zinoviev, Kamenev, Radok, Platakov, Rakovsk, Preobrazhensky, etc., etc.), but tens of thousands of their followers.

Ordeal of Political Exiles

Many of them were allowed to return, but even more were constantly being sent out to Siberia, Central Asia, and the Far North.

The violent liquidation of those in the slightest measure disagreeing with Stalin has gone on without a day's interruption. There are at this moment more political exiles in Siberia than ever under the Czars—most of them being punished, it happens, for harbouring the same sort of revolutionary ideas.

Engineer-baiting.—The famous Shakhty trial in May, 1928, was the signal for a nation-wide persecution of engineers and technicians which lasted for fully three years. Hundreds were shot on the thinnest evidence and on mere suspicion of sabotage, thousands were herded into concentration camps.

Liquidation of the Kulaks.—This has been described even by friends of the Kremlin as "the most spectacular act of ruthlessness in those years."

Sidney and Beatrice Webb, likewise beyond suspicion of exaggerating in the Kremlin's disfavour, estimate that 1,000,000 peasant families were liquidated.

Five people being the accepted average for a Russian peasant household, their estimate means 5,000,000 men, women and children.

Children Left to Die

Hundreds of thousands were loaded into cattle cars and unloaded in northern, Siberian, and Central Asiatic wildernesses to shift for themselves.

Hordes of others were denuded of their belongings, often including overcoats and boots, and driven into barren districts in their own vicinities.

Disease and exposure killed off a vast number, the mortality being especially high among children and the aged; others died in the gruesome struggle to adjust themselves to the harsh conditions of the places where they were dumped.

Droves of children were left behind by desperate parents to roam the land as *bespriznny* or homeless waifs. Probably the whole history of mankind will reveal few tragedies of Governmental terror to match the liquidation of the Kulaks.

The most moderate estimate of deaths would be 10 per cent., or half a million. The total of suffering is beyond computation. Mass Executions of Scientists.—Two especially startling acts of official ruthlessness deserve a place to themselves in the balance-sheet of the decade.

In 1930 the Government shot 48 professors at one time, without trial for alleged sabotage of the food industries. In 1933 it shot similarly 35 experts in the agricultural commissariats.

In both cases the "evidence," in the form of supposed confessions published posthumously, bore plenty of internal evidence of police tinkering and contained many childish and impossible statements.

Police As Taskmasters

Development of Forced Labour.—As a sort of by-product of mass exiles, an extensive system of what was virtually slave labour came into being with the G.P.U. Police as taskmasters.

Most foreigners here estimate the population of concentration camps, G.P.U. barracks on the construction sites, and similar places at 2,000,000.

The building of the Baltic-White Sea canal alone involved 250,000 prisoners, tens of thousands of whom died in laying new railroad lines in Siberia and the East.

"Valuta" Tortures.—Beginning about 1930 and continuing for several years, the Government on an organised basis rounded up people suspected of possessing valuta.

That is, foreign money, gold, or silver, and precious stones. They were put through weeks and months of third-degree torture until they disgorged, if they had anything to disgorge.

In Moscow and Leningrad alone the victims totalled tens of thousands, and the scourge was conducted on a nation-wide scale.



MAY LOSE TITLE—Princess Baba, daughter of the English Rajah of Sarawak (northern Borneo), shown with her fiancé, Bob Gregory, 25, European wrestling champion claimant, at Ards airport near Belfast, Ireland. Her father, Sir Charles Brooke, objects to the engagement. Princess Baba, otherwise known as Valeria Brooke, is afraid she may be disinherited.

Woman Finds Mountains Under Arctic Ocean

By Louise Morgan

A woman has discovered a hitherto uncharted range of submarine mountains between Jan Mayen and Bear Islands, in the Arctic Ocean.

She is Miss Louise A. Boyd, American Arctic explorer, now in London on her way home from her fifth Arctic expedition.

CLIMATE'S EFFECT ON CANCER

By a Medical Correspondent
A man living in London is only half as likely to die of cancer of the skin as another living in Lancashire. But the chance of his getting cancer of the lung is nearly half as great again.

These facts are revealed in the annual report of the British Empire Cancer Campaign, issued to-day.

RAINFALL A CAUSE

Experts studied the death rates from cancer in the counties and towns. They found that it attacks different parts of the body in different localities.

There is some factor in the external conditions that decides where the tumour will appear.

But this has no effect on the amount of cancer as a whole in the district.

The rainfall may be one cause. In the skin, cancer is commonest in wet climates, while in the bladder it is commonest in dry, probably because there more moisture is excreted by the skin.

A dry climate calls for more drinking, and cancer of the gullet is more frequent.

RADIO MAY CURE

Experiments with short-wave wireless showed that it is similar to radium in its effects upon cancer growths.

It acts by heating the tissues. The waves were able to cure 30 tumours in mice.

To protect radium workers from the dangers of exposure, further research has been made.

Young animals were exposed to the rays. This slowed down their growth and produced a very low birth rate among them.

The exact amount of exposure during treatment can now be accurately measured. Very strict precautions are necessary to prevent contact with stray rays.

FILMS OF GROWING CELLS

A method has been discovered for measuring by slow-motion cinematography the growth of the minute body cells.

They are placed in fluid in an incubator and the action of different substances can be examined. Extracts from glands and from bone marrow promote growth.

Muscle extracts from young animals are also effective, but the activity soon disappears when they grow older.

"How important this finding is it is too early as yet to say," she told me at her Mayfair hotel, "but in this area previously no soundings under 1,000 fathoms have been made."

"We were able to map out thoroughly a considerable area in which the depth was only 350 fathoms. When our sounding charts are worked out we shall find the area is probably even shallower."

HER GOLF CAMERAS

Miss Boyd was leader and photographer of the expedition, which was financed by her under the auspices of the American Geographical Society of New York. Her specialty is camera mapping, a highly technical scientific process, and her cameras weigh 60lb. each.

She left Alesund, Norway, in the scaler Vestekurl on June 1 to study the formation of fjords and glaciers in North-East Greenland. Meteorological observations were also made for the Norwegian Weather Bureau and soundings taken on the way north through the ice.

With her went Dr. Richard Flint, geologist and glaciologist, of Yale University, and his assistant, Mr. Lincoln Washburn; Dr. Henry Austin, head of the department of Botany, Duke University; Mr. Fred Buhler, surveyor; Mr. James Le Roy, hydrographer.

They were gone four months, with five weeks on land between the opening and closing of the ice. "We were 300 miles north of the nearest settlement and thousands of miles away from the nearest ships," she said.

Field observations and camera mapping, combined with detailed mathematical calculations, will enable the contours of uncharted fjords and glaciers to be accurately plotted out.

Every Cyclist 'Has A Right To His Wobble

Solicitor James Yates, of Formby (Lancs), sued for damages at Liverpool Assizes after his car collided with twenty-two-year-old cyclist John Mark Davies, who was killed, pleaded that the cyclist seemed to wobble in front of his car.

Mr. JUSTICE WROTTESLEY: "Every cyclist is entitled to his wobble."

The judge added that Yates had "cut it too fine," awarded £435 damages against him.

SPECIAL EMPIRE CABLES

RADIO PROGRESS IN INDIA

Calcutta.
Proof that India is becoming more radio-minded is furnished by the latest figures of the import duty on receiving apparatus, and of revenue from wireless licences.

In the past year the import duty figures have risen 20 per cent, and the licence figures 30 per cent.

The statistics are particularly significant because Indian broadcasting is still poorly financed, undeveloped and lacking in trained men.

Football in Calcutta.—Islington Corinthians, the London amateur association football team, received a most enthusiastic welcome on arriving in Calcutta. The members were decked with garlands and cheered by an enormous crowd. The first match against a first-class Indian team ended in a goalless draw. The visitors, who were rather puzzled by their bare-footed opponents, showed signs of being a difficult team to beat.

Canada

SOCIAL CREDIT TRIAL

Montreal.
The trial of Mr. G. F. Powell, the London Social Credit expert, on a charge of defamatory libel, has been postponed until to-morrow. His counsel asked for an adjournment to introduce new evidence.

Mr. Powell denied having any part in the preparation of the leaflet known as "Bankers' Trades," which cited the names of nine Edmonton citizens.

Trips to the Arctic.—Ellesmere Land, in the Arctic, has the "healthiest climate in the world," according to Mr. Edward Shackleton, who is making a lecture tour in the hope of raising £1,800 to cover the deficit incurred by the Oxford Expedition to the Arctic in 1934 and 1935. He thinks that Canadians will soon be making holiday trips by air to the Arctic.

South Africa

RIISING PRICES OF FOODSTUFFS

Johannesburg.
The Dairy Board's decision to cancel further imports of butter is considered here to be a gamble against the weather. There is as yet no sign of a break in the drought in the areas which supply the Rand with dairy produce.

Only 60 per cent. of local requirements is being produced at present, and it is believed that rationing is inevitable this week.

The position in regard to rising prices of foodstuffs is daily becoming worse. To-morrow deputations representing the Housewives' League, the National Council of Women, the Trades and Labour Council, and the Miners' Union will interview the Minister of Agriculture, Col. Reitz, and a further deputation of railwaymen will discuss the same matter with the Minister of Railways, Mr. Pirow.

Elephants' Park.—The Addo Bush, near Port Elizabeth, Cape Province, famous for its elephants, has been proclaimed a national park. A scheme has been devised for feeding the animals by placing piles of oranges in a clearing.

Natives Sentenced.—Two natives who tried to burn their grandchild to death because she killed one of their fowls have each been sentenced to five years' imprisonment with hard labour in the Circuit Court at Kroonstad, Orange Free State.

N. Rhodesia's Prosperity.—The continued prosperity of Northern Rhodesia is reflected in the speech of the Governor, Sir Hubert Young, at the opening of the Legislative Council session at Lusaka. Native taxation will probably be lowered, and other tax reliefs include 6d off the petrol duty and remission of the entertainment tax.

Australia

BATHERS KILLED BY SHARK

Sydney.
Two bathers have been killed by a shark at Coolangatta, a watering-place on the border of Queensland and New South Wales.

The victims were Norman Girvan, 18, and Jack Brinkley, 25, both of Coolangatta. A shark attacked them while they were surf-bathing. Girvan was killed instantly and Brinkley badly injured. Brinkley had to have his left arm amputated in hospital, and died the next day.—*Reuter*.

Kill Kidney Trouble Quick

Thousands of sufferers from kidney trouble and bladder weakness have stopped fretting up nights, leg pains, circles under eyes, swollen ankles, nervousness, stiffness, rheumatism, diarrhoea, lameness, burning, itching, stinging, acidity and loss of vigour by a Doctor's new discovery called Gynex (Bisphosphine). Gynex soothes, tones, cleans, and cures kidney trouble. In 15 minutes Gynex starts purifying your blood, turns your heating youth and vitality in 48 hours, guarantees to end your troubles in 7 days or money back, get Gynex at all chemists.



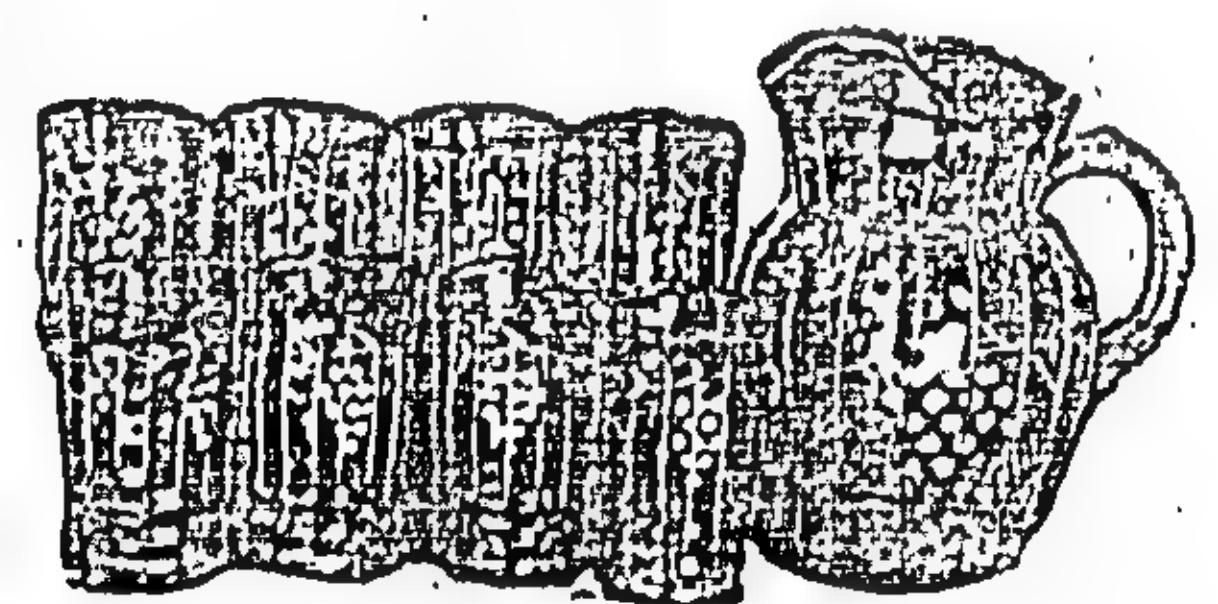
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GREAT PROGRAMME OF MANOEUVRES IN PACIFIC EXPECTED

If the situation in the Far East is relieved sufficiently by April next year, troops and warships stationed in Hongkong will participate in the greatest combined British manoeuvres ever held in the Pacific.

According to the *Hampshire Telegraph and Naval Chronicle*, the China Squadron of the Royal Navy, the Royal Australian Navy, the New Zealand Division of the Royal Navy, Royal Air Force planes stationed at Singapore and Hongkong and Royal Australian Air Force planes, as well as military units, are to participate in the combined operations.

The manoeuvres will open with an attack on the Australian coast between Byron Bay, near the northern boundary of New South Wales, and Melbourne, the capital of Victoria—approximately one thousand miles of coastline, involving the defence of Australia's most vital secondary industries. The area includes the great industrial towns of Newcastle and Port Kembla, with their immense steel production plants, in addition to Sydney and Melbourne, two cities in which reside almost one-half of Australia's total population.

The attack will be made by vessels of the China Squadron and the New Zealand division, and Australia will be defended by the Royal Australian Navy and the Royal Australian Air Force.

These large scale manoeuvres will reveal the strength and the weakness of Australia's combined defences.

It is planned to stage an even greater display near Port Darwin later in the year. The China Squadron, including H.M.S. *Engle* and over 30 warships, and the New Zealand Division of the Royal Navy, will attack Port Darwin, which will be defended by the Royal Australian Navy, the Royal Australian Air Force, Far Eastern Command, from Singapore.

WOMAN CHASES JAPY'S RECORD

Paris, Dec. 22. Mlle. Maryse Hilsz, the French aviatrix, who was attempting a long-distance non-stop record flight, reached Calcutta early this morning. She has now abandoned the attempt on the long-distance record, but hopes to beat M. Japy's Paris to Saigon record.—*Reuter*.

AVIATRIX AT RANGOON
Rangoon, Dec. 23. Mlle. Maryse Hilsz has arrived here and will proceed to Saigon after a short halt.—*Reuter*.

CHRISTMAS DAY IN THE FLEET

(Continued from Page 8.)

all of us since we were children. And among the congregation there will be many misly and moist eyes for the sailor is a simple and emotional being.

Christmas Rounds

After Church, hands are "piped down," and word is passed about the leave to be given. Official ceremonies and routine are over for the day, but there is yet a time honoured and traditional custom to be carried out. The Captain and officers have still to go to the rounds of the mess decks to see and admire the decorations, here and there sampling the Christmas fare and being given black and dangerous looking cigars, and occasionally an even more dangerous "tot" of rum (for rum is heady stuff) with which to drink the health of a mess.

In bygone days these Christmas rounds were somewhat of an ordeal, and many are the officers who have returned to their own messes wondering exactly where they are going to stow their Christmas dinners and how they are going to face smoking the various strong and villainous looking forms of tobacco generously showered on them by the mess decks.

Visit To Messes

By the time rounds have finished guests from other ships and from the "beach" are arriving. The Gunroom and Warrant Officers go across and visit the Wardroom, and will each in turn be visited by officers from the other messes. Before noon the various messes will be filled to overflowing with guests and many of the wives of officers living in the port will have found their way down to some particular ship.

Lunch on board is a movable feast.

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Selling	
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T.T. Shanghai	104 1/2
T.T. Singapore	104 1/2
T.T. Japan	106 1/2
T.T. India	82
T.T. U.S.A.	30 1/2
T.T. Manila	81 1/2
T.T. Batavia	55 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	149 1/2
T.T. Saigon	90 1/2
T.T. France	9.10
T.T. Germany	70 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	133 1/2
T.T. Australia	170 1/2

Buying	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s D/P do.	1/3 5/32
4 m/s L/c U.S.A.	31 1/2
4 m/s France	83 1/2
30 d/s India	4.09 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.09 1/2

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 12.30 p.m. yesterday, says:

Buyers	
Douglas	\$48 1/2
H.K. Steamships	\$4.20
China Lights Ex. Rts	\$0.00
H.K. Electric	\$30
Practical Motors	\$2
Constructions (Old)	\$1 1/2
Constructions (New)	\$1
Sellers	
Practical Motors	\$0.25
China Lights Ex. Rts	\$4.00
Hongkong Mines	\$0.13
Sales	
Hongkong Bank	\$1,443.50
H. & S. Hotels	\$3
H.K. Electric	\$34 1/2
Constructions (Old)	\$1 1/2

nominal starting at noon and on Christmas Day it is invariably late much to the annoyance of the officer's cooks, who like all good cooks hate to see a good meal spoiled by delay. After the lunch hour all is quiet on board. Those not required on board for duty are gone on shore; those remaining on board are sleeping off a heavy meal.

In other days Christmas Day would virtually be over by this time, but in these days of wireless, loud speakers are fitted up, so that those remaining on board may enjoy carol in the evening.

Late on Christmas night or early on Boxing Day morning sailors are again aloft removing the Christmas decorations, and as light comes on Boxing Day there can be seen only the grim, tall masts and trim tidy yard-arms of self-respecting and sober battalions.

GOVERNOR DELIGHTS CEYLON

Amusing Speech To Scottish Planters

"In the registers of the Kennel Club, I suppose I would be recorded as a mongrel. I prefer the phraseology of Scotch distillers, who would refer to me as 'a special blend'."

This was part of a delightful informal talk by Sir Andrew Caldecott, former Governor of Hongkong, at the St. Andrew's Society dinner in Colombo recently.

Scottish tea and rubber planters from all over Ceylon who heard their new Governor's speech, says the *Singapore Sunday Times*, were delighted with his intimate manner and easy delivery.

Speaking almost conversationally, without raising his voice, Sir Andrew replied to the charge that he was only one-eighth Scot by admitting that he is of "predominantly English ancestry, but my progenitors for many generations resided in Wales." Sir Andrew added that he had an Irish grandmother and a Scottish great-grandmother.

"I am," said Sir Andrew, "to a certain extent grateful for my heterogeneous ancestry because I feel that I owe to the Irish a logical mind and a phlegmatic temper; to the English I owe a lack of insularity, and a healthy disregard for compromise, and to the Scots I am indebted for a healthy freedom from anxieties in connection with questions of finance in the Colony."

Sir Andrew Caldecott has been getting acquainted with the Kandy area of Ceylon and was the first person to be examined under first-class X-Ray equipment just delivered to the hospital there. Some years ago he fractured the bone of his little finger, and the X-ray examination revealed that the finger was in perfect condition with the bone well set.

MANILA SHARES

The following business done quotations were received after the close of the morning session by Swan, Culbertson & Fritz from their Manila office:

Business Done	
Prices in Pesos	
Antamok	40
Chok	145
Baguio Gold	unq.
Baguio Consolidated	20
Coco Grove	unq.
Consolidated Mines	910
Demonstration	35
I.X.L.	31
Paracale Gumaus	16
San Mauricio	41
Suyoc	unq.
United Paracale	unq.

The tone of the market, Quiet.

SHARE PRICES

The following is the list of local share quotations issued this morning.

Banks	
H.K. Bank	1,450 n.
H. K. Bank, (Lon. Reg.)	£80 n.
Chartered Bank	£12 1/2 n.
Mercantile Bank, A. and B.	£32 1/2 n.
Mercantile Bank, C.	£15 n.
East Asia Bank	\$80 n.
Insurances	

Canton In.	\$272 1/2 n.
Union In.	\$310 n.
China Underwriters	\$150 n.
H.K. Fire In.	\$240 n.
Shipping	

Douglas	\$48 1/2 b.
H.K. Steamships	\$8.20 b.
Indo-Chinas (Prof.)	\$51 n.
Indo-Chinas (Def.)	\$43 n.
Shell Bearer	100/- n.
Union Waterboats	\$9.30 n.
Docks etc.	

H.K. & W. Wharves	\$113 n.
H.K. & W. Docks	\$28 n.
Provident (old)	\$2 n.
Provident (new)	25 cts. sa.
New Engineerings, Sh.	—
Shanghai Docks, Sh.	—
Kailan Mining Adm.	17/3 n.
Raub, Sh.	—
Venz: Goldfield	\$5 n.
Philippine Mining	

Antamok, P.	49 n.
Atoks, P.	15 1/2 n.
Baguio Gold, P.	—
Baguio Consol., 8.80 n.	—
Baguio Explor., P.	—
Big Wedge, P.	—
Coco Grove, P.	—
Consolidated Mines, P.	0.11 n.
Demonstrations, P.	33 1/2 n.
E. Mindanao, P.	—
Gumaus G'fields, P.	—
Ipo Gold, P.	—
I.X.L., 50 n.	—
Ilogons, P.	—
Masbate Consols., P.	—
Min. Resources, P.	—
Northern Min., P.	—
Paracale Gumaus, P.	—
Salacot Mining, P.	—
San Mauricio, P.	41 n.
Suyoc Consol., P.	14 1/2 n.
United Paracales, P.	41 n.
Lands, Hotels, etc.	—

H. and S. Hotels	\$5 n.
H.K. Lands	\$31 n.
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S'ini Lands, Sh.	—
Metropolitan Lands, Sh.	—
Humphries, \$9 1/2 n.	—
H.K. Realities, \$4 1/2 n.	—
Chinese Estates, \$80 n. ex. div.	—
China Realities, Sh.	—
China Deben	—
Public Utilities	

H.K. Tramways	\$13 n.
Peak Trams (old)	\$7 1/2 n.
Peak Trams (new)	\$3 1/2 n.
Star Ferries	\$80 n.
Yau-mai Ferries (old)	\$24 1/2 n.
China Light (old)	\$9.60 n. Ex. L.
and Rts.	

China Lights Rts.	\$4.80 a.
H.K. Electric	\$50 1/2 n.
Macao Electric	19 1/2 n.
Sandakan Lights	\$14 1/2 n.
Telephone (old)	\$28 n.
Telephone (new)	\$9 n.
China Buses	—
Singapore Tractions	23/9 n.
Singapore Pref.	23/- n.
Industrials	

Cald: Mack (old)	Sh.
Cald: Macg. (Pref.)	Sh.
Canton Ices	\$1.70 n.
Comment	\$1.40 n.
H.K. Ropes	\$3.80 n.
Stores, &c.	

Dairy Farm	\$23 n.
Watsons	\$4 1/2 n.
Lane Crawfords	\$8.00 n.
Sinceres	\$1.75 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	\$40 n.
Wm. Powells	75 cts. n.
Cotton Mills	

Ewo Cottons Sh.	\$12 1/2 n.
Shal Cottons (old)	Sh. \$80 n.
Zoong Sings, Sh.	—
Wing On Textiles, Sh.	—
Miscellaneous	

H.K. Entertainments	\$5.00 b.
Constructions (old)	\$1 1/2 b.
Constructions (new)	\$1.00 b.
Vibro Piling	\$6 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1915 GSBds	75 1/2 % n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 5% prm.	n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2 % Loan 1 1/2 % prm.	n.
Wallace Harpers	\$5 n.
Marsmans Ins. (Lon.)	s/- 21/- n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.)	s/- 4/0 n.
Hongkong Mines	13 cts. s.

SHIFTS RESPONSIBILITY

Washington, Dec. 22. President Franklin Roosevelt in a letter to Mr. Wilburn Cartwright, Chairman of the House and Roads Committee, reaffirmed his intention with regard to Federal spending during the new fiscal year, and asserted that Congress and the Democratic Party "must accept full responsibility" if the President's budget estimates are exceeded.—*Reuter*.

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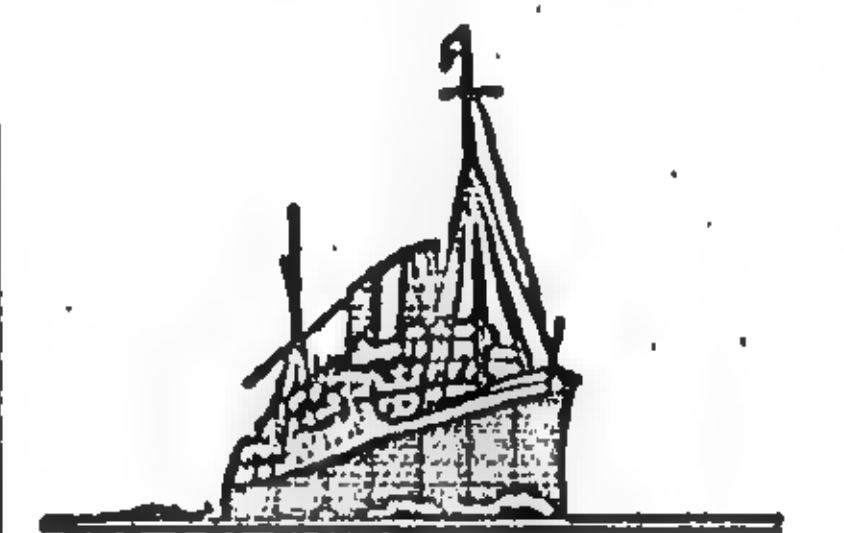
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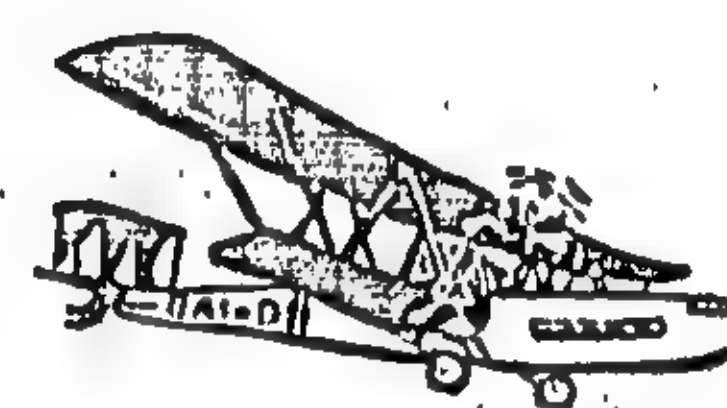
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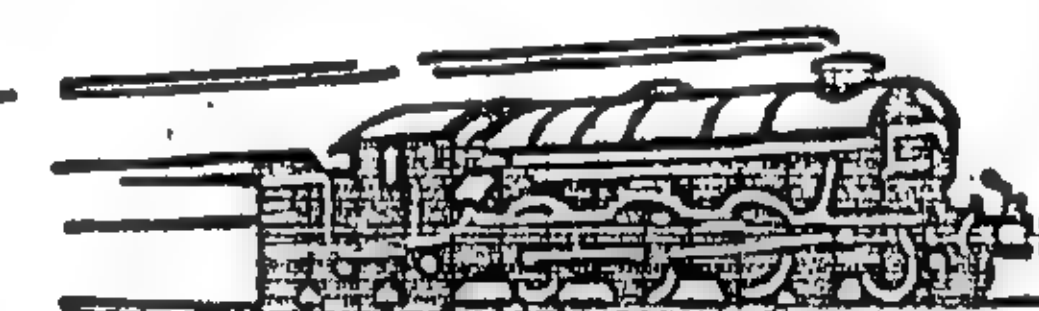
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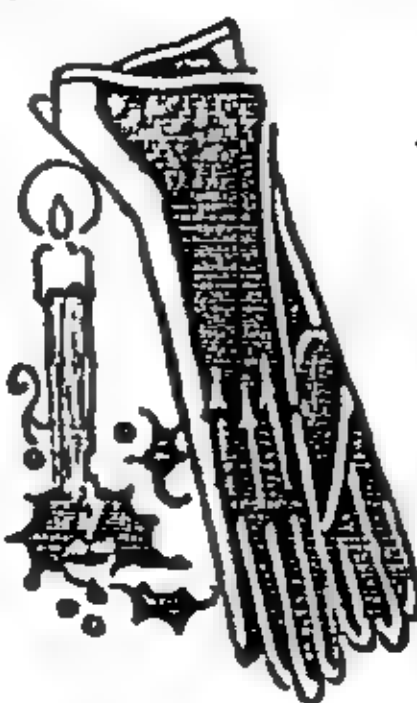
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Wife May Spend Years Only Half Alive

SHE HEARS, DOES NOT TALK

(By Mary Welsh)

Doctors at Middlesex Hospital believe that Mrs. Ivy Smith, twenty-two-year-old mother who fell from an Oxford-street store roof to a sun-blind on August 14, may live for years in a semi-conscious condition.

It is thought that, just as an invalid who stays long in bed forgets how to walk, Mrs. Smith has forgotten how to talk. She has spoken no word since her fall.

She makes no response of any kind to noises or to the daily pleas of her young husband that she should speak.

It is believed that her fall thrust out of line the "sound track" or nervous co-ordination of her brain. It is also doubtful whether her hearing faculties are functioning.

Lately there have been other evidences that Mrs. Smith's nervous system is still seriously upset. Her muscles are in a constant state of tension, so that if her hands are moved they tremble and then snap back to their original position.

Only for her first three weeks in hospital was Mrs. Smith totally unconscious, it was revealed yesterday. During that period she lay, quiet as death, the pupils of her wide-open brown eyes not focussed, making no response to any sound or touch.

HUSBAND VISITS HER EVERY DAY

Suddenly one morning it was discovered that she had regained semi-consciousness. One of her attendants passed a hand in front of her eyes, and she blinked. That was a day of rejoicing for her husband, who has seen her every day since she was carried into the hospital.

On that night no one in the hospital thought Mrs. Smith would live, her breathing was so faint. All that could be done was to stitch up the wound in the back of her head—now completely healed—and inject blood, saline, and glucose into her veins.

Her condition would be extremely difficult to correct through surgery, I was told. Any of the

thousands of cells and fibres in her brain might be causing the semi-consciousness.

Nerve specialists who have studied the slim, dark-haired patient have voiced the possibility that, although she hears consciously, her sub-conscious brain refuses to allow her to respond. A normal person frequently does not listen unless he wants to reply, they point out.

Mrs. Smith's food now consists of elutriated milk fed through a tube every two hours.

A. J. Cronin Tells Nurses to Strike

New York, Dec. 1.
Dr. A. J. Cronin, author of *The Citadel*, arrived here to-day in the Queen Mary. He is going to Hollywood, where his best-seller is to be filmed. British nurses, he said, should follow the example of the Americans by forming unions and striking for better conditions. He attacked the "health racket" of unnecessary operations and added:

"The rich can get pneumonia serum when it is needed; but can the poor get it? Certainly not! 'Socialised' medicine is the only cure for present abuses."

"Japan is on the Road to Singapore"

General Sir Ian Hamilton, speaking at a dinner of the Royal Scottish Corporation in London recently, declared that Japan was on the road to Singapore, Britain's Far East base. Nothing less than Europe, he said, could hold up the Emperor's advance.

"How monstrous it will seem to posterity that throughout 1937 the European nations should have been quarrelling like dogs over a bone about Spain, which has not the smallest intention of allowing herself to be gnawed by any outsider."

"And this at a moment when we ought to be having military conversations between the general staffs—not of France and Britain alone, but of Europe."

"The Emperor is marching from the island of the Rising Sun. His road is clearly marked—Hankow, Hongkong, Singapore, Burma, Assam, Bengal."

"Nothing less than Europe can definitely hold up that army. 'Some may think I speak wildly. I do not. In 1913, as Inspector-General of Overseas Forces, I put a brigade on board ship at Singapore."

"I sailed out of sight of land and no one knew where I had gone. In the small hours I came back and captured the island with, I regret to say, the loss by drowning of two Sepoys of the 1st Brahmins."

CHINESE BULLION FOR LONDON SILVER SENT TO SAFETY

From a Special Correspondent
During recent weeks millions of pounds worth of bullion, in the form of Chinese silver dollars, has been sent by the Chinese Government to London for safe custody during the fighting in China.

The latest consignment, consisting of several hundred tons, arrived at Tilbury on Friday in the P. and O. liner *Cathay*. Other consignments are on their way.

An official of an Eastern bank said that the bullion is sent from Shanghai via Hongkong.

"The consignments have been arriving almost weekly. The bullion is packed in boxes each containing 3,500 Chinese dollars."

"My report naturally comes under the Official Secrets Act, but the facts were a perfectly open secret. 'A land army can lay siege to and capture Singapore exactly as Port Arthur was captured."

"It is too near the main power of Japan and too far from ours."

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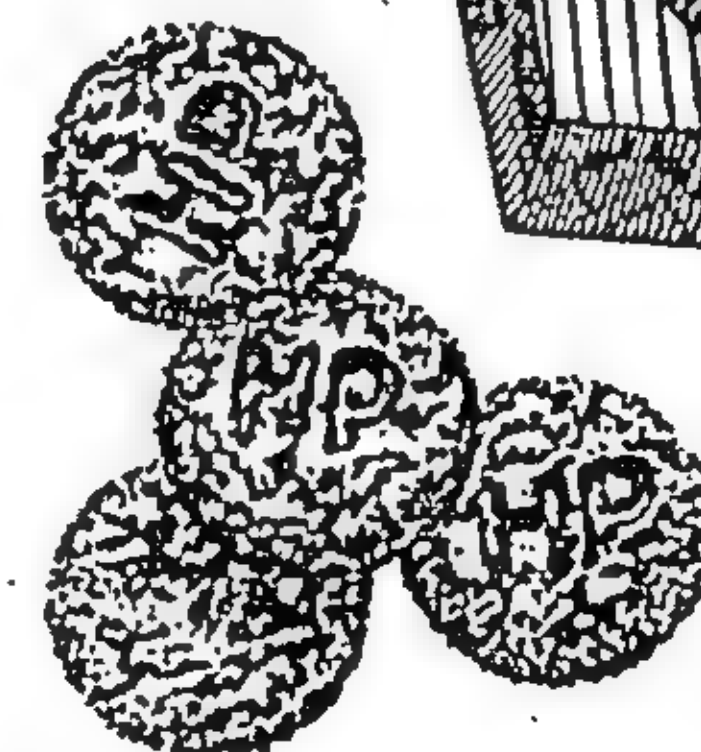
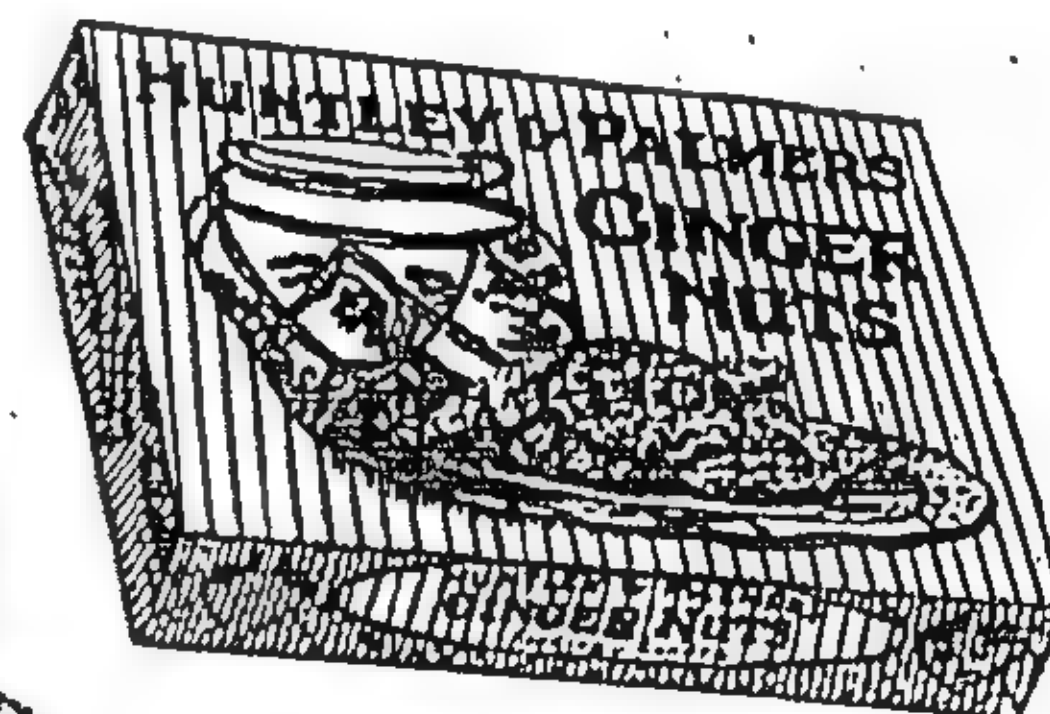
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Two hundred Canadian and American scientists have fallen in love with the Dionne Quintuplets, who already hold strings to the hearts of a million visitors to their nursery.

With scientific analysis in mind the psychologists and biologists went from a conference in Toronto to Callander, Ont., the Quins' backwoods home. Then they forgot science.

**BIGGEST 'PLANE
IN THE WORLD****COMPLETING IN U.S.
FOR THE SOVIET**

Washington, Nov. 18.
The world's biggest plane was ready at Baltimore to-day before delivery to the Soviet Government.

Built by the Glenn Martin Company, this four-motored giant monoplane, weighing more than 20 tons, has a wing-spread of 27ft. greater than the huge China clippers. It carries 40 passengers, with night-berths for 20.

With a normal cruising speed of 150 miles an hour it has a radius sufficient to carry it non-stop from New York to London within 24 hours and still have fuel for 1,000 miles in reserve.

The passenger accommodation incorporates the latest amenities, such as heating, sound-proofing and air-conditioning, a lounge and retiring rooms, a stewards' galley and full-vision windows.

The wings carry 4,000 gallons of fuel. For what purpose the Soviet ordered the new machine is unknown, but it is suspected that it may be intended for service on the Polar route.

Mr. Joseph Kennedy, chairman of the United States Maritime Commission, addressing Congress this afternoon, suggested that America should concentrate on a transatlantic air service rather than on the building of a super-liner.

He urged that the Merchant Marine Act should be amended by extending the definition of the word "vessel" to include ocean-going aircraft. Air liners would then be eligible for construction by the operation of subsidies.

Like average parents, they chuckled and beamed and gurgled. Aren't they cute?" while they watched the little girls make sand pies, sweep the cement walk, play shopkeeping in their outdoor playground. Then the scientists pronounced them perfect children.

YVONNE—Motherly

Now three and a half years old, the Quins rate second only to Niagara Falls as Canada's leading tourist attraction.

They have never gone outside their nursery and playground, but they have revolutionised the life of Callander.

ANNETTE—Aggressive

The garage man makes more selling picture postcards of the nursery than he does selling petrol. Every house has a new coat of paint and a placard "Bed and Breakfast."

EMILIE—Independent

Like everybody else the scientists had a hard time telling one Quin from another. All five have the same wavy brown hair, brown eyes, stub noses. They speak French with similar baby accent. Even their fingerprints are of the same general pattern. Their ears, the scientists discovered, are easiest points of identification—they differ slightly.

CECILIE—Unpredictable

Yvonne, who ranks highest in achievement, was catalogued the most motherly by Dr. W. E. Blantz, of the University of Toronto.

Annette is the most aggressive. Emilie the most independent. Cecile the most unpredictable.

**AIR RAID COSTS:
BLUDGEONING
LOCAL COUNCILS**

By A Correspondent

London, Nov. 18.

The Government has decided to make no more concessions to the local authorities on the cost of air raid precautions. So the fight is on.

A Government Bill compelling rate-levying authorities to bear a substantial part of the cost, and, in addition, forcing them by law to undertake the anti-air raid scheme, will be issued to-day.

**'FANS' RIOT,
TRAMPLE
ON LUPE
VELEZ**

New York, Nov. 19.

Twenty thousand Mexicans waited to greet film actress Lupe Velez when she arrived home on a visit to-day.

When the star appeared her fans became so excited in their attempts to get near her that they started to fight each other.

A riot developed. Lupe was forgotten by the milling crowd.

She was knocked over, trampled underfoot.

Now Lupe is in hospital with injured legs. Twenty of her excited fans are fellow inmates.

Marie, the smallest, under two pounds at birth, is the most sympathetic.

MARIE—Sympathetic

Silver-haired old Dr. Allan Roy Dufoe, who brought the Quins into the world and has devoted himself to them ever since, told the scientists, "The scientific side is all very well, but the human side in managing the children is infinitely more important so far as I am concerned."

It will be hotly contested in the House of Commons by local authority representatives irrespective of party, and even yet the Home Secretary may have to make concessions of detail in committee.

NEW BURDEN ON RATES

Led by Mr. Herbert Morrison for the English authorities, and Mr. P. J. Dolan, for Scotland, they urged that the Government should pay 50 per cent. above a 1d. rate and 100 per cent. over a 2d. rate.

This the Government refused to do. Sir Samuel Hoare argued that if the local authorities shouldered the suggested expense they would have a financial interest and administer the scheme with regard for economy and efficiency.

The Bill contains the financial provisions in full, including the Government's new proposal, that the State shall pay 85 per cent. of the excess expenditure over a 1d. rate for those authorities classed, under a graduation scheme, as poorer authorities.

CABINET'S PROPOSAL

The Bill will mean, according to Government estimates, that the Treasury will pay just over 50 per cent. of the total expenditure.

Apparently the Home Secretary still believes that the scheme in the country will not come to more than a rate burden of one penny in the pound.

Official correspondence issued recently disclosed that the Home Office estimates that in the next three or four years the total expenditure on air raid precautions will be about \$32,000,000, and that during that period the average annual expenditure chargeable to local authorities will be "well below £1,000,000."

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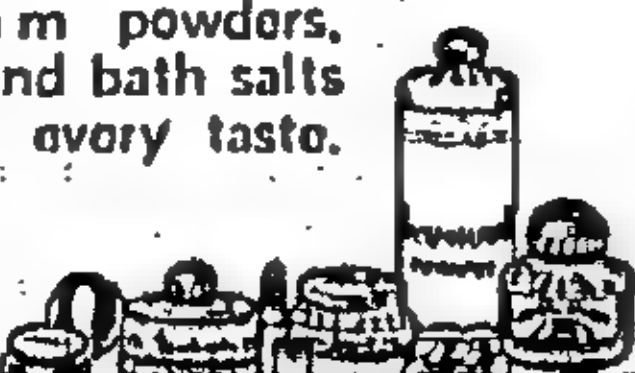
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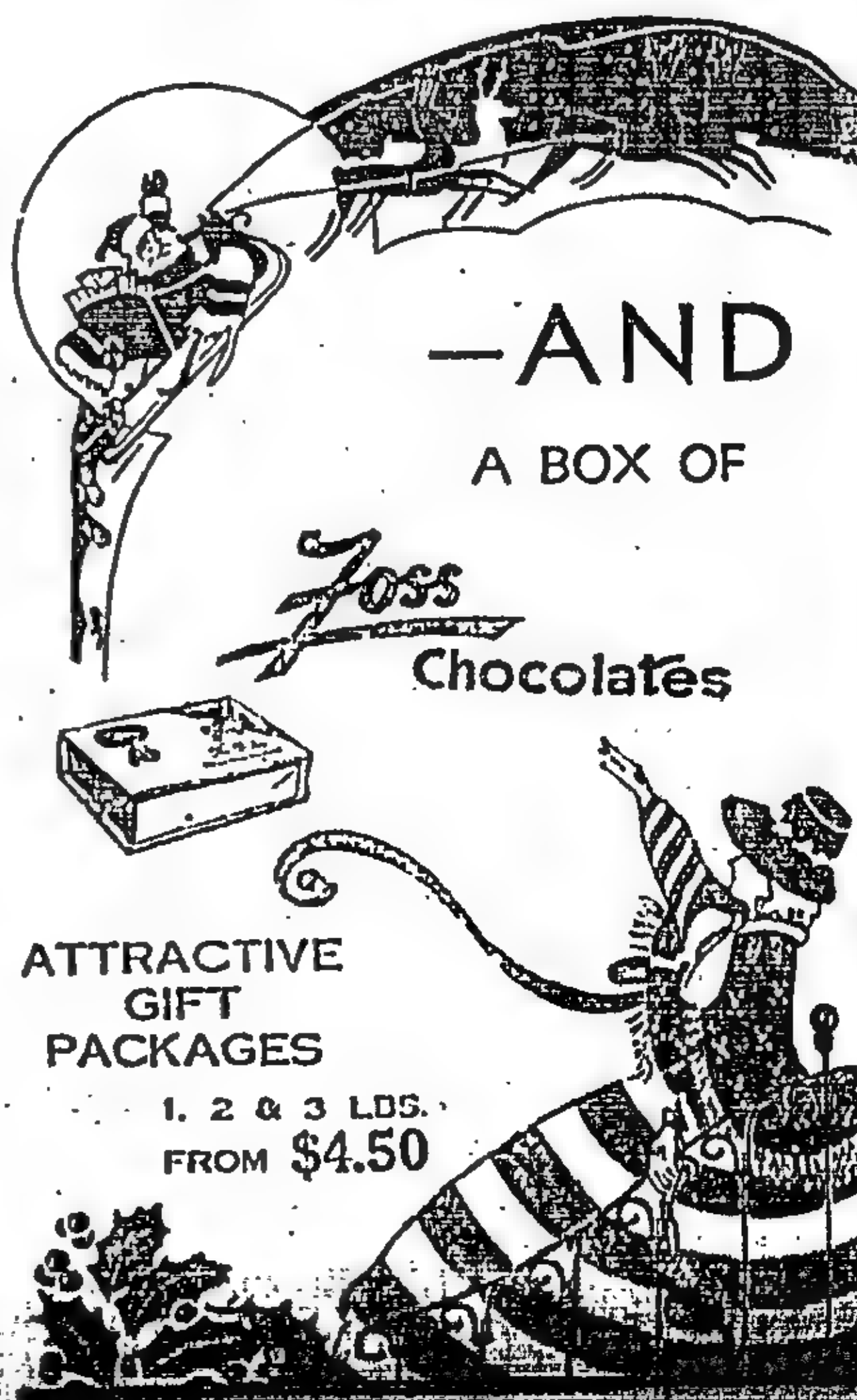
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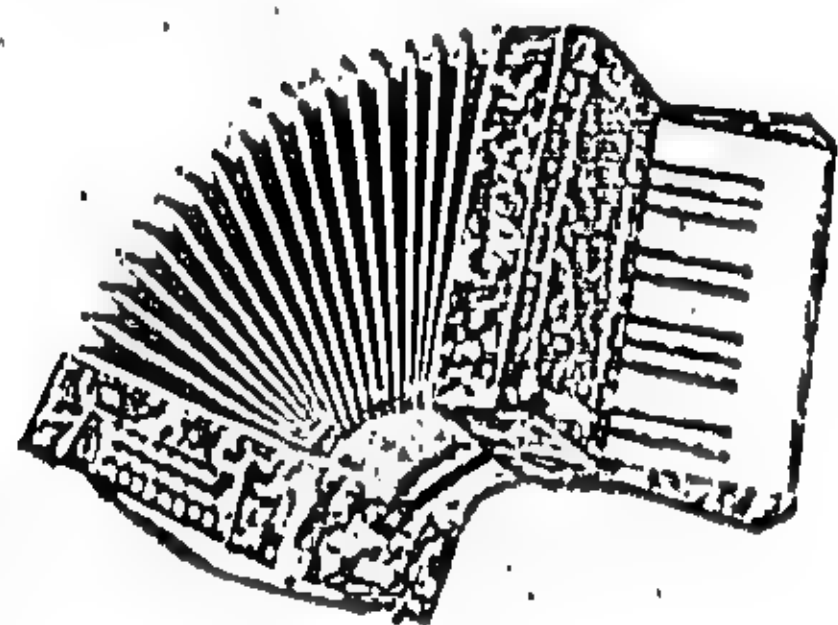


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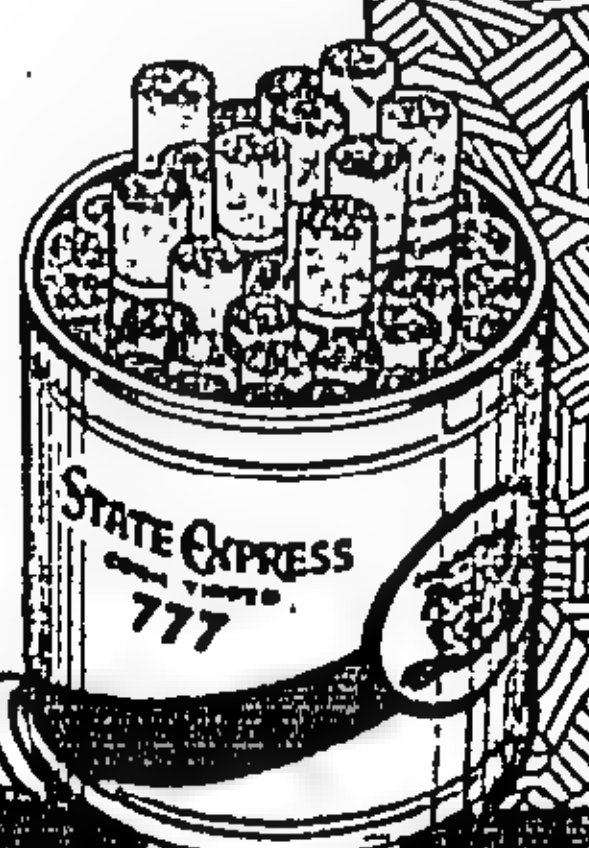
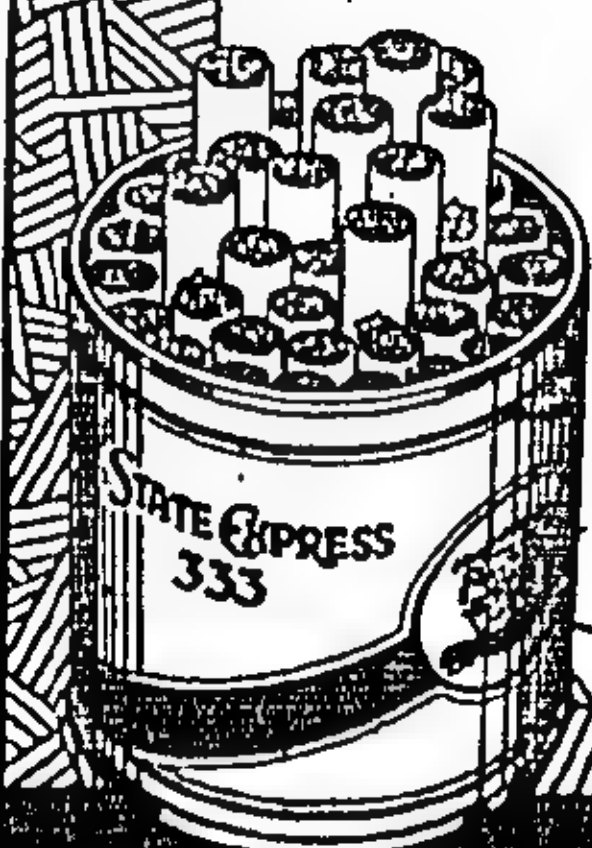
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COLLECTIVE SECURITY

Like the helpless farmer who takes a last, sad look at his young crops while the mushroom-cloud of the dust storm gathers on the far horizon, so thousands in China wait to-day for an expected blow from some new quarter. There are others in this disturbed world whose hold upon security must be measured in hours or days. That is the price man must pay for the failure of collective action in the preservation of peace.

In spite of years of isolationism, the United States is stirred by an event which occurred thousands of miles away from her home shores. Now the fallacy of that outworn doctrine becomes apparent, surely. For any nation which expects to send its ships and men of commerce into foreign lands, isolation in the political sense is obviously impossible; and to that nation must fall a share of responsibility in maintaining conditions, in which its enterprises can operate without danger to investment or to the people who guide them.

Sir Archibald Sinclair recognises the truth of these contentions. Britain, he told the House of Commons, has no right to call upon the United States for co-operation in the defence of purely British interests. The implication is that Britain could expect co-operation from the United States when the interests of both are affected. There is a common cause in the Far East. Once it was apparent, the Liberal leader went on, that Britain intended to act to defend her own interests, the United States might be expected to take parallel action. It seems very likely that such an expectation is well founded. The effect of parallel action would be precisely that of joint action, but apparently the United States is still shy of making any alliance, however vague, with a European power for fear that she will be embroiled in the complicated political and economic troubles of another part of the globe. She is not to be blamed for this caution; but at the same time it does seem reasonable to expect that if parallel action is applied in one sphere it should be applied in another, especially where interests involved are similar.

It is not suggested that America has the same interests

CHRISTMAS is the one season of the year which makes solitude intolerable. It makes the lonely feel lonelier than any other holiday, for it is the festival of the family.

To be solitary at Christmas is the lot of many. If we could take a census of all the Christmas solitaires who mope in their cheerless homes without love or laughter we should be astonished.

There are armies of old bachelors and old maids who have drifted into a state of friendlessness. They have no one left to invite them to pull a cracker. They are shunned and boycotted because they are not good company.

The late George Moore was one of these Christmas solitaires. I do not know whether all his friends had forsaken him or whether he had forsaken all his friends, but he passed the last Christmas Day of his life alone in his lonely house in Ebury-street.

I received a melancholy letter from him, begging me to take tea with him, and I was sorry for the old man, for I was unable to go to see him.

His desolation at the end of his days contrasted strangely with his long essays about his friends in Paris, in London and in Ireland. I thought of the famous peroration which concludes Burton's "Anatomy of Melancholy," and the closing adjuration, "Be not solitary."

DR. JOHNSON detested solitude. In a letter to his friend, Mrs. Aston, he wrote:—

"You know, dear madam, the liberty I took of hinting that I did not think your present mode of life very pregnant with happiness. Reflection has not yet changed my opinion. Solitude excludes pleasure and does not

as Britain in the Mediterranean, for instance. On the other hand the British contention that the Mediterranean sea-lanes shall never be interrupted and her determination to keep them well protected are points of policy which give advantages to other traders than her own. The Mediterranean lanes are vital to Great Britain, but they are also important to other powers. It may well be possible that American commercial interests will find that British support in preserving the freedom of Atlantic or Pacific trade routes is desirable. Such an argument leads to the conclusion that co-operative rather than parallel action is the most practicable cure for the world's ills; and that collective security, based on the League Covenant, even though it is not yet universally accepted, is the surest way to peace.

How much the world needs peace, how great is the need of security before mankind can contemplate with any certainty the prospect of profit from his labours, is pitifully apparent. Threats of war and famine and pestilence take the heart out of enterprise. Just as the mounting dust storm sends the farmer home with listless hands and hanging head, so the political storms which sweep the world are apt to leave the victims of war lethargic, saying: Why should we build again for destruction? And workers may grow apathetic, saying: Why should we work only to destroy? War and its aftermath can be prevented; but only by the collective determination of far-sighted peoples who have learned to rule themselves, may rule the lawless.

A James Douglas article—remember, some people are LONELY JUST NOW

always secure peace. Some communication of sentiments is commonly necessary to give vent to the imagination, and discharge the mind of its own futilities. Some lady surely might be found, in whose conversation you might delight, and in whose fidelity you might repose. The world, says Locke, has people of all sorts."

Dr. Johnson hated "dronary solitude."

He declared that "solitude is dangerous to reason, without being favourable to virtue; pleasures of some sort are necessary to the intellectual as to the corporeal health; and those who resist gaiety, will be likely to fall a sacrifice to appetite; for the solicitation of sense are always at hand, and a dram to a vacant and solitary person is a speedy and seducing relief."

"Remember that the solitary mortal is certainly luxurious, probably superstitious, and possibly mad; the mind stagnates for want of employment, grows morbid, and is extinguished like a candle in foul air."

OLD bachelors and old maids are not the only people who lead lonely lives. There are thousands of childless widows and widowers to whom Christmas brings only sad memories of happiness long past. There are many young people who are lonely at Christmas. Their homes have been broken up by unemployment.

The old-fashioned family reunion at Christmas is impracticable. Sons and daughters are separated by distance from the old folks at home. They cannot afford to pay the fare.

Another factor which destroys home life is the servant famine. There is a vast floating population which migrates from one boarding-house or private hotel to another without any permanent ties of society or bonds of social intercourse. These wanderers with their children are homeless solitaires.

Then there are the derelicts who have fallen on evil days. Their incomes have shrunk and dwindled. They find it hard to make ends meet, and for them Christmas is unutterably mournful.

It is not hard to find these lonely people. We all know them, and we are all apt to forget them while we are making merry in our own homes. If it occurred to us to come to their aid at Christmas our own happiness would be doubled.

HERE is a plan which would bring joy to all these lonely people. Let every happy home make room for one desolate friend who has seen better days.

If you have a spare room, see that it is offered to somebody who otherwise would be an exile from Christmas fun and frolic. At least we ought to ask one friendless solitary to spend Christmas Day with us. We should open our hearts and our homes to the wretched victims of poverty and adversity.

When I came to London as a young man I lived in dreary rooms, and I discovered what De Quincey meant when he called London "a stony-hearted stepmother."

I shall never forget my delight when I was invited to join in the gaiety of a happy home filled with laughing young folk.

Do not take the happiness of others for granted. Call a family council and try to think of some lonely friend who may be shut out from the Christmas jollity. Try to imagine how miserable you would feel if you were compelled to pass Christmas alone.

I am sure that selfishness is often caused by thoughtlessness. We assume that So-and-so is sure to be invited by somebody somewhere.

But if everybody resolves to forget and ignore the friendless one there is a wasted opportunity of sharing happiness with the unhappy.

THERE is enough happiness to go round all the solitaires in the land. What we need is a great share-out of the Christmas mirth and good fellowship.

Our pleasure will not be diminished by asking others to take a bit of it. On the contrary, it will be increased.

There is no necessity for anybody to endure a solitary Christmas. Is there a single dinner-table at which there is not room for an extra chair, an extra plate, and an extra glass of wine?

Some of these lonely ones may be your neighbours. Think of them and take the trouble to find out whether they are forgotten by everybody.

If every happy home in the land were thrown open to one outcast there would be no outcasts left alone with aching hearts on Christmas Day.

CHRISTMAS DAY IN THE FLEET

Here is a description by an ex-officer of His Majesty's Navy of Christmas on board a battleship. It is written in a light vein, but at the same time succeeds in being exceedingly informative.

(By Lieut. Comdr. H. de L. Standley, R. N. (Ret.))

CHRISTMAS day starts early on board a battleship.

Long before the earliest landsman has rubbed the sleep from his eyes and crawled out of bed, long before the most eager child has sent exploring fingers down a stocking to see what Father Christmas has brought, sailors and signalmen have been aloft securing bunches of holly and mistletoe to the yard arms and fixing the largest Christmas trees

obtainable to the mast heads. For ships are judged by their trees.

Half the ship's company will be on long leave (the Christmas leave period is fourteen days) and half the "watch on board" (i.e. those not on long leave) will have been ashore for the afternoon, evening and night of Christmas Eve.

The night leave, given daily when ships are in their home ports, finishes at seven o'clock in the morning, and just before this time streams of blue-jackets will be passing through the dockyard anxiously eyeing the ships' decorations and hoping that their own work has surpassed the others.

Work on Christmas day is cut down to a minimum. By the time the night leave men are returned on-board the decks will have been

scrubbed, and the hands will be going to breakfast.

Cleaning

After breakfast all hands will be employed cleaning ship; the watch on deck polishing brightwork and putting the finishing touches to make the upper deck "ship shape"; the "watch below" clearing up messdecks and flats and completing those Christmas decorations which for days past have been making their appearance. For on Christmas Day a mess deck is judged by its decorations.

At about nine o'clock the hands are piped to "clean" in to No. 1 dress, their "Sunday best." In the Navy they never talk of changing into such and such dress—it is always "cleaning."

Divisions, which correspond to an Army parade, take place at nine-thirty. The ship's company falls in by divisions and inspected first of all by the divisional officers and then by the Captain, or if he is absent on leave by the senior executive officer on board who, in the absence of the Captain, is the Commanding Officer.

Church

Then follows Church. It depends on the class of ship as to where church is "rigged." In some ships the service may be held on a mess deck; in other ships a large "flat" may be rigged as church.

In ships of the Queen Elizabeth class, church, during the winter months, is held in a large space called the "half deck." During the summer, church is rigged right aft under the Quarter deck awning and the services are held under the grim grey muzzles of great guns. The ship's band, or rather the string portion of it, provides the music, and there is something soul stirring in the volume of full-throated male voices joining lustily in the old Christmas hymns, so well known to

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HUMOUR IN THE OFFICE

Office life is generally regarded as being very monotonous, and while this is true to a certain extent, anyone with a sense of humour can derive quite a lot of amusement out of the day's provides the first smile of the day. My firm, for instance, received orders from customers by letter that reads as follows:—

"Please send me a sleeping suit for a boy without feet."

"I wish a cardigan for an old lady of chaste design but still pretty."

One of the best morning smiles we ever had was supplied by a man who sent a letter complaining that some underwear supplied had shrunk. "I am sending you all that is left of the vest I received. The rest vanished in the wash-tub." The enclosure was the firm's name tag!

When some of our clerks took to smoking a cigarette in the office before closing-time, our manager very ingeniously put a stop to the practice

and raised a laugh at the same time by putting up this notice:—

"Closing Time 8 p.m."

"Lighting-up Time 8 p.m."

The telephone occasionally yields a smile. The manager's son rang up one day, and thinking it was his father speaking, said cheerfully, "Hello, is that you, you old skinflint?"

Whereupon our office-boy gravely replied, "I'm sorry, the cashier's not in just now, sir!"

The arrival of a new office-boy is always the signal for some clumsy attempt at a practical joke on the part of the older clerks.

Great glee resulted when one youngster took the proffered sixpence to go and buy a bottle of invisible ink. The joker got a shock, however, when the lad returned with a nice clean empty bottle, carefully corked, and no change! The office-boy is not so easily gulled nowadays.

S. B. M.

China Being Forced To Turn To Russians

CHIANG KAI-SHEK WOULD PREFER AID FROM BRITAIN, U.S.

MILLION LABOURERS NOW RUSHING ROADS WHICH WILL LINK TWO NATIONS

Shanghai, Dec. 22.

Observers are convinced that China is marching to the Left, although it is not indicated whether the Chinese Soviets will obtain control of the Chinese Government now or soon.

Chiang Kai-shek still wishes for Britain's and America's active support, but Russia is the only foreign nation which has so far given concrete aid, while the Chinese Reds have given their complete co-operation to Chiang Kai-shek, compared to some members of the Kuomintang, who are urging him to cease resistance to Japan.

The complete re-organisation of the Chinese Government's Central Military Council, including arming the Chinese Reds for guerrilla warfare, democratisation of the Government, and destruction of Japanese property have already been accomplished or are under way.

The Communists are very anxious that Chiang Kai-shek should remain dominant, due to the fact that they recognise that he is the only leader able to create cohesion in the "Chinese plate of sand". Moscow, therefore, refuses to support the Chinese Soviets and other groups if they seek Chiang's removal or precipitate a civil war.

It is pointed out that Pao Chung-hsi, Li Chung-jen and Feng Yuh-shiang, with others, have long urged that war plans should be identical with the Red programme.

Support On Big Scale

Wide-scale indirect support by the Soviet of China is increasingly evident with Russian planes and aviators, together with the reported "token" shipments of guns and tanks.

Chinese reports state that 1,000,000 Chinese labourers are constructing a new road 3,000 miles long from China to Russia, through Kansu and Chinese Turkestan, with a branch to Urumchi, through Ninghsia, replacing the Urumchi-Kalgan route, which the Japanese have cut off.

The construction of these new highways may be compared to the building of the Great Wall of China. Shipments will be possible in a fortnight instead of several months. Many Chinese engineers from America universities are engaged on the task, which, however, will not be completed for several months.

Forced Into Communism

It is pointed out that making the Chinese Government Communist has so far not been desired by the ruling groups in China, but that it is being forced on China by Japanese aggression, which thus operates against Japanese aims in combating the Sovietisation of Asia.

Foreign military authorities think that due to sparseness of the population of Outer Mongolia, the Mongols have not forgotten the resentment they have against the Chinese Government's misrule in the Peiping military area.

It is believed that it will only be possible to raise 100,000 Outer Mongolians, trained in the Soviet Army, which it is believed that Russia will not permit, because she does not desire to weaken Communism's defences when the Japanese Army has roughly 1,500,000 men on the Asiatic mainland.

However, possibly the figure of 1,500,000 is an exaggeration and Russia may be willing to permit the Outer Mongolians to try their mettle if the Japanese attempt to drive a wedge deeper to the west of Suiyuan province.—United Press.

COMMENDS TWO THIEF CATCHERS

Two men, Lam Kam, a marine collector, and Ip Chuen, a carpenter, were commended by Mr. R. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning for their good work in arresting a thief who had snatched a handbag from Miss Lau Sau-ching, a telephone operator, in Gloucester Road yesterday morning.

Inspector A. V. Baker said Miss Lau was walking along the road when accused came from behind, snatched her bag and ran towards Fleming Road. She raised the alarm, and Lam responded to her shouts, and with the assistance of Ip, secured the thief and took him to Wanchai Station. The men had done a very good piece of work, he thought. His Worship ordered that defendant be remanded a week to see if he was fit for a caning.

CRAZY REVUE ARRIVES

"Hello Hongkong" Scores Hit

Boisterous, breezy, witty, humorous and musical, the much publicized crazy revue "Hello Hongkong" gave a keenly attentive audience last night handsome entertainment for nearly three hours at the China Fleet Club, striking a new note in local stage-board productions.

One could have wished for a little more polish and finish to some of the numbers, but this deficiency was likely due to first-night nervousness. Most of the turns, though, were remarkably good, and provoked constant ripples of mirth from the auditorium.

Charles Gill was a big hit with his comedy song "Almost A Lady," and showed a distinct flair for burlesque of the best music hall type. There were some amusing interpolations by Charles Owen and Edward Talbot, but the cleverest items were a vignette "Between Dances" by Owen and Peggy Walker, and a dumb show "Gestures" by Thomas Barlow and Owen.

Desmond Martin put the company on good terms with the audience early in the show with some splendidly spun yarns, and Owen, Gough and Barlow figured in a glorious little satirical sketch "The Old Man." "The Crazy Parade" opened the second part of the programme on an original note, and a "melodramatic" which was nicely conceived, but dragged a little through want of spontaneous "gagging," made a fitting end to this variety programme.

Enjoyable songs were sung by Rosemarie Gambler and Erik Nelson, and the orchestra did much to enhance the general standard of the show.

A further performance will be given to-night.

The Players

Lt. Edward Talbot (Medway), Lt. Desmond Martin (Medway), Sub-Lt. Charles Owen (Westcott), Sub-Lt. Christopher Gough (Darcy), Sub-Lt. Thomas Barlow (Medway), Rosemarie Gambler, Peggy Walker, Guest-Artists—Erik Nelson, P. O. Charles Gill (Medway). Accompanist—Pay, Cadet Michael Collins (Cumberland). Organiser—Sub-Lieut. Charles Owen (Westcott). Asst. Stage Manager, P. O. Johnson, (Westcott); Back-Stage Staff, Messrs. Richardson, Luke, Turner; Master of the Foyer, C. P. O. Gould, (Westcott); Commissionaire, P. O. Turner, (Westcott); Programme Sellers, Messrs. Finlayson, Kirwin, Littlewood, Evans.

The Orchestra

Conductor, Mr. R. E. Compton; Leader, Bandmaster T. B. Turner; Band Corporals, Dixon and Whitley; Band Boy, Clark; Musicians: Wille, Johnson, Heller, Trussell, Susans, Foley, Dawkin, Handford, Allan-Dodds, Combes, Agnew, Lerwill, Buick, Lorentsen, Streets, Ray, Howard, Wallace and Vaughan of the Royal Marine Band H.M.S. Cumberland. The Revue was held to raise funds for the Naval Chaplain's Fund for Seamen's Welfare, comprising the Royal Naval Hospital Recreation Fund and the Dockyard branch of the Ministering Children's League; and also to assist T. H. in their work for the Suiyunkun Chinese Boys' Club.

BRITAIN WATCHFUL OVER H.K. WATERS

(Continued from Page 1.)

aware there had been any change in tenancy of posts held by Britons. Replying to Lieut-Comdr. R.T.I. Fletcher (Lab.), Mr. Eden said he understood that it was not the case that pending the result of negotiations, the Shanghai Customs was de facto controlled by the Japanese.

All Possible Protection

Mr. Eden assured Mr. A. Graham (Cons.) who put a question to him on the subject, that all possible protection was being, and will be afforded British trade and interests in South China, but he had no information he could properly give the House. Replying to Mr. A. C. Moreing (Cons.) regarding the regulations still remaining in force concerning access to British-owned property, Mr. Eden said that while the position shows some slight improvement it is still unsatisfactory. The British authorities in Shanghai had spared no efforts to secure relaxation of the conditions imposed, but hitherto these had been unsuccessful. Sir Robert Craigie to make representations to the Japanese Government on this matter.—Reuter.

Must Be Prepared

Washington, Dec. 22. Regarding continued reports in the newspapers of a naval display, it is reliably learned that the Navy at present is confining itself to putting the fleet into proper condition to meet whatever calls may be made upon it in the future.

Naval authorities state that the fleet at present is about 85 per cent. efficient, but many hulls need scraping before the fleet can make a lengthy cruise. Also there is the scarcity of fuel ships and supply ships which must be remedied before action such as is speculated upon by the newspapers could be undertaken.—Reuter.

JAPANESE NOW POUNDING AT HANGCHOW DEFENCES.

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Tientsin-Pukow railway, 60 miles from Pukow. In a determined drive against Haichow, Japanese troops are stated to be throwing their main weight along the Tientsin-Pukow railway sector. Chinese troops defending the railway area are reported to have completed the work of erecting a new defence line near Pengpu.—Reuter.

JAPANESE BURN TAICHI

Hangchow, Dec. 23. Taichi, a small town on the Hangchow-Nanking highway north-east of Mokanshan, was burned to the ground following the occupation of the area by Japanese troops yesterday, according to a telephone message relayed to Hangchow through Wukang. Shortly after the Japanese entered the town they systematically set fire to the buildings, razing every structure within the town limits.

The Japanese have mounted a number of heavy field pieces at the bus station at Taichi as a precautionary measure against a counter-offensive by Chinese forces.

Several hundred Japanese plain-clothes-men have appeared in a number of villages just behind Mokanshan, the famous Chekiang mountain resort. Chinese troops are being rushed to that area.

The same report adds that furious fighting is in progress at Minohsi, but details are not available at present.—Central News.

HARASSING JAPANESE IN CHEKIANG

Hangchow, Dec. 23. Chinese mobile units operating over a scattered front in Chekiang are harassing the Japanese forces along the Nanking-Hangchow highway in the vicinity of Hailun and Chinghsan-shih. These forces have seriously handicapped the Japanese push towards Hangchow during the last two weeks.—Central News.

PLANES ATTACK LANCHOW

Lanchow, Kansu, Dec. 23. A fleet of 18 Japanese bombers carried out two raids over Lanchow, capital of Kansu province, on December 21, killing seven non-combatants in the western section of the city. During the second raid Chinese planes took to the air and drove the invaders away. No bombs were dropped during the last attack.—Central News.

STIFF FIGHTING NEAR HANGCHOW

Shanghai, Dec. 23. A Japanese Army spokesman admitted to-day that there were many Chinese troops behind the Japanese lines of action, between Shanghai and Nanking. Many had surrendered, but many more continued to harass the Japanese.

The Chinese "seem very hungry," he added. There is heavy fighting in the vicinity of Hangchow which the Japanese hoped to occupy before the year's end. He said he hoped the Chinese would withdraw and permit the city to become a safety zone, because the Japanese appreciated Hangchow's beauty and historic value and did not wish its destruction. Hangchow, it is recalled, is a great Buddhist centre.

The spokesman said numerous Chinese soldiers are still facing the Japanese across the creek in the southern part of Wuhu.—United Press.

SPOKESMEN'S REPORTS

Shanghai, Dec. 23. A Japanese military spokesman said that on December 20 Japanese troops occupied Chianpaling, 22 kilometres north of Hsuehsien, and on the 21st they entered Shingachien, 20 kilometres north of Yangchow. The Chinese left 100 bodies on the field in the course of the two engagements. No definite reports had been received from Hangchow.

A Naval spokesman said Japanese raided Nanchang yesterday and destroyed twelve Chinese planes which were in an air field and shot down 17 out of 20 others. Most of the planes were of Soviet make, although a few were Curtiss-Havas, he said. It is estimated the Chinese have lost 600 planes since the beginning of hostilities, of which 60 or 70 are Russian. According to the spokesman, China possessed 400 planes when hostilities broke out and she has since imported many more. Observers estimate that China has a maximum of 100 left.—United Press.

STEAMER DELAYED

The messagerie Maritimes liner d'Artagnan which was scheduled to sail for Shanghai and Kobe on December 23 has been delayed and will arrive here on Sunday, December 26. She will sail for Shanghai and Kobe the same day.

SHIPS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with the Hongkong Radio Station: Turbo, Mulman, President McKinley, Shin-kyo Maru, Alexia, Ransputa, Houtman and Swarlenhond.

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Christmas Dinner Talk By Sabrina

CHILDREN'S HOUR

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1. I've got my heart set on you; 2. Swing is here to stay; 3. So Rare; 4. Jam Session; 5.15 Interval of recorded dance music from ZBW. 5.20 5. Lovely one; 6. Smarty; 7. Whispers in the Dark; 8. After you. 5.35 Interval of recorded dance music from ZBW. 5.45 9. Night Over Shanghai; 10. "Cause my Baby says it's so; 11. You Can't run away from Love; 12. Lady who couldn't be kissed. 6.00 Studio—Children's Hour. 7.00 Chorus. Shenandoah (Sea Shanty) (arr. Terry); Rio Grande; Billy Boy (Sea Shanty) (arr. Terry); The Three Ravens (arr. Kennedy Scott); The Boatmen (Harria); John Goss (Baritone) and the Cathedral Male Voice Quartet; John Peel (Traditional); Harold Williams and the BBC Male Chorus. 7.15 London Relay—"Sportmen Talking" Lord Burghley, M.P. 7.30 Closing local Stock Quotations & Hongkong Exchange Market Report. 7.35 Variety. Orchestra—Dance Hits....New Mayfair Orchestra (With Vocal Refrain); Humorous Sketch—Father Christmas (J. Henry); John Henry assisted by Gladys Horridge. 7.40 8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Forecast and Announcements. 8.05 Chinese Programme—Studio Concert. 11.00 Close down. 8.05-11.0 p.m. European Programme from Z.E.K. on a Frequency of 640 Kilocycles. 8.05 Variety. Vocal Duets—Arlene (Scymour & Pollock); Waltin' At The Gate For Katy (Kahn & Whiting); Layton and Johnston; Dance Orch.—The Ballyhoolligans Make Whoopee—Medley Fox-Trot....The Ballyhoolligans; Vocal Quartette—Musketiers (No. 1)....The Four Musketeers; Orchestra—"Happy Memories"—Selection....New Mayfair Orchestra. 8.30 London Relay—"At The Black Dog". Mr. Wilkes at home in his own bar-parlour. Presented by Pascoe Thompson. 9.0 Gracie Fields. If All The World Were Mine (Parr-Davies); Your Dog's Come Home Again (Harrington); You And The Night And The Music (from "Stop Press"). 9.10 Jazz Piano and Turner Layton (Vocal and Piano). Dinner For One Please, James (M. Carr); Turner Layton; Waltz Romantique (Da Costa); Jazz Goblins (Da Costa); Rale Da Costa; Heart Of Gold (from "All afloat at Oxford Circus"); Alone (film "A night at the Opera"); Turner Layton; Sweetheart, Joe, The Candy Man (Croome-Johnson); A Cavalcade Of Martial Tunes....Patricia Rossborough. 9.30 London Relay—The News. 9.50 Mozart—Concerto In E Flat Major, K.271. Played by Walter Gieseking (Piano) and Members of the State Opera House Orchestra, Berlin, Conducted by Hans Rosbaud. 10.20 Violin Solos by Yehudi Menuhin. Sarabande and Tambourin (Leclair-Sarasate); Danse Espagnole ("La Vida Breve") (De Falla-Kreisler); Minstrels (Debussy); Flight Of The Bumble-Bee (Rimsky-Korsakov-Harmon). 10.30 Kirsten Flagstad (Soprano) & Philharmonie-Symphony Orchestra of New York. Siegfried Idyll (Wagner)....Orch. Cond. by Arturo Toscanini; A Swan, Op. 25, No. 2 (Bsen, trs. Henzen-Grice); El Hab, Op. 26, No. 1 (Paulsen-Grice)....Kirsten Flagstad with Piano accom. by Edwin McArthur; L'apprenti Sorcier (After a ballad by Goethe—Paul Dukas)....Orchestra. Cond. by Arturo Toscanini.

EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGED

Leung Wing-nin, 28, salesman and shroff of Weeson and Co. Ltd., was charged before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning with having embezzled and converted to his own use the sum of \$25.22.

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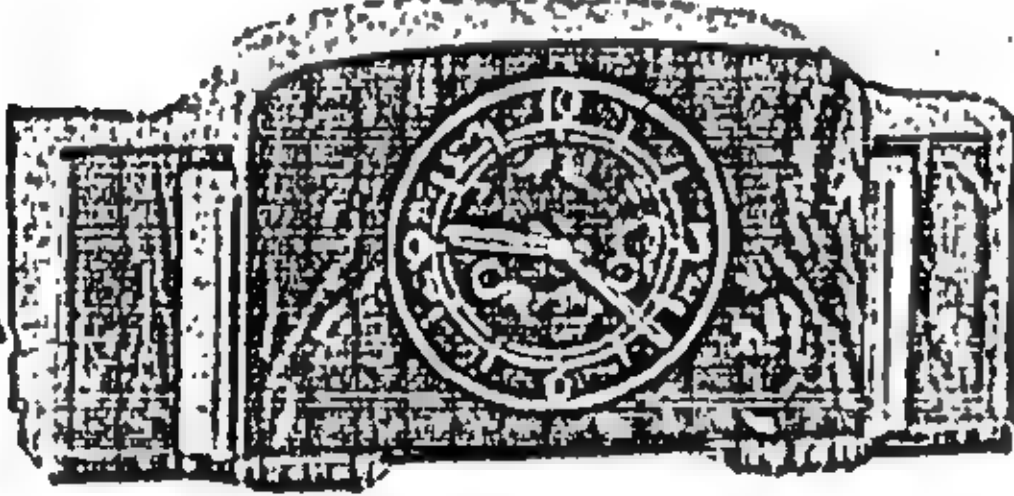
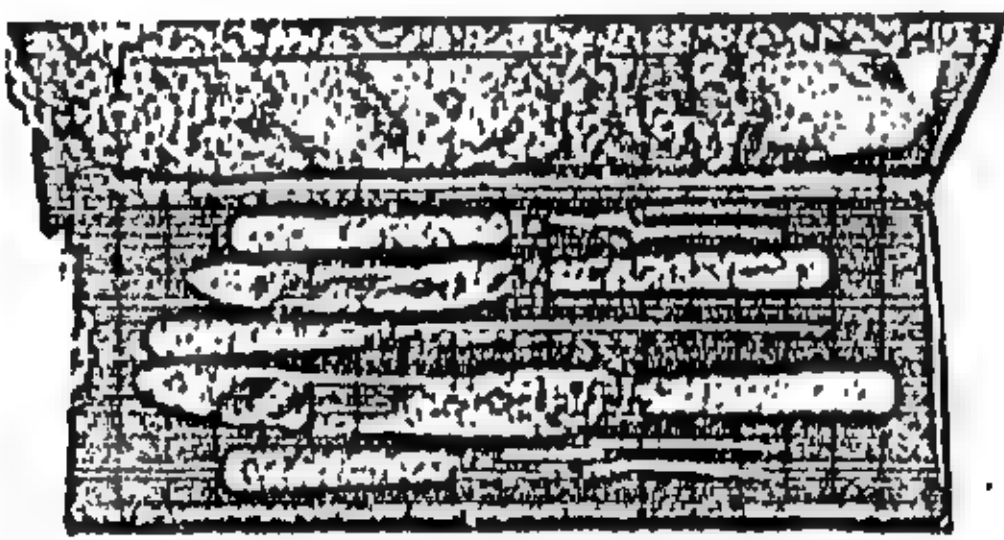
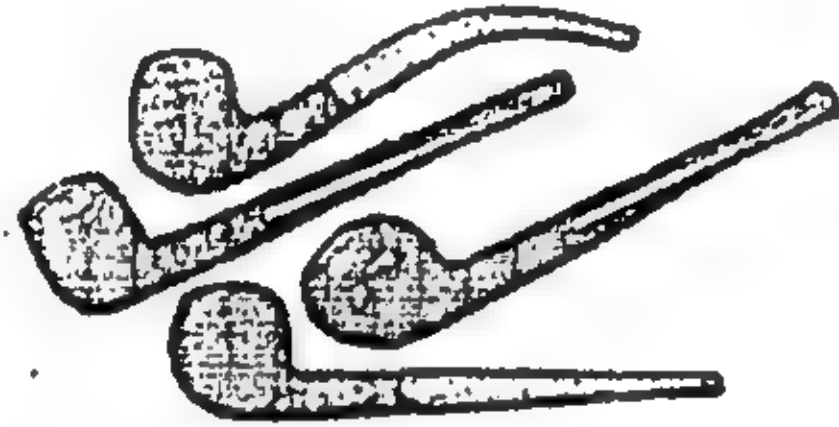
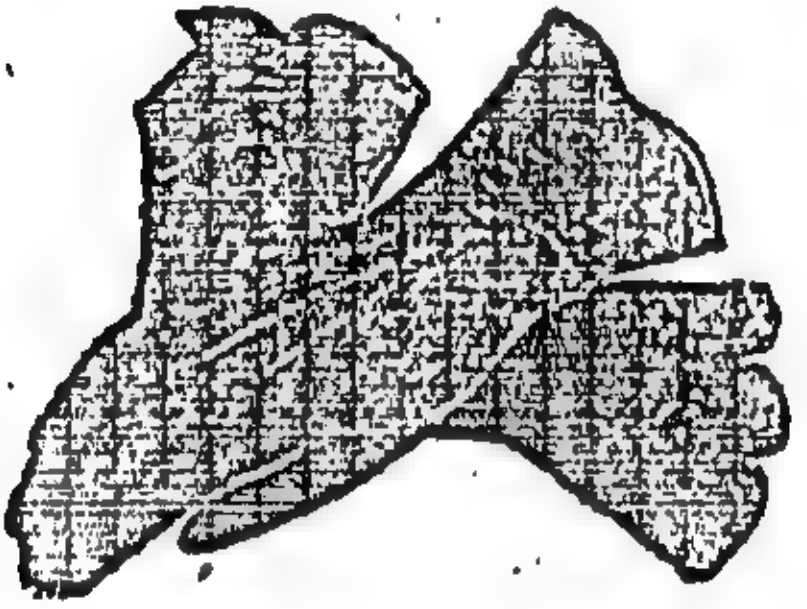
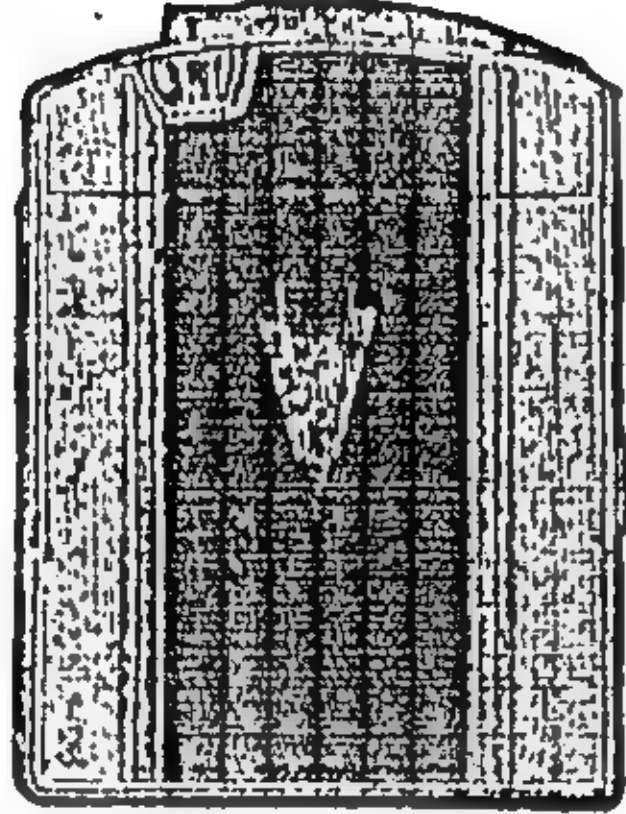
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SOOCHOW, heavily bombed by
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City of Lovely Women

By Florence Dean

TO be happy on earth, one must be
born in Soochow. So runs an
old Chinese proverb that is quoted
in China to-day as often as it was
2,000 years ago.

For Soochow, ancient before Shang-
hai was born, has for centuries kept
its reputation for scenic beauty, for
wealth, for culture, and above all,
for the loveliness of its women.

In days of the old regime, when a
man could not choose his own wife
but must submit to his parents' choice
without seeing the girl before mar-
riage, a bridegroom felt safe if he
knew his bride would be a Soochow
girl.

That was almost a guarantee that
he would see a pretty face after the
ceremony, when the bride's veil was
lifted.

CO-EDUCATION to-day has not
spoiled the tradition. Young
men and girls of Soochow meet in
the schoolroom and walk together on
the college campus, attend cinemas
and dances together, and, if they fall
in love, marry. Sometimes there are
mass marriages, 20 or 30 couples at a
time.

The gamble of the wedding-veil
has gone, but Soochow keeps its re-
putation for beautiful women.

I have met Soochow women mar-
ried to men in all parts of China, and
unquestionably they have a charm
peculiarly their own—a southern
gentleness and languor of manner
that is in keeping with the soft,
sibilant of the Soochow dialect—so
different from the rolling guttural of
the North, the curt harshness of
Canton or the shrill staccato of
Shanghai.

They are petite, these Soochow
women—with delicate features and
the naturally small feet so important
to beauty in Chinese eyes.

THE wealth of Soochow hangs on
a thread—the thread spun by the
silkworm. And the life of the silkworm
depends on the groves of mul-
berry trees whose rich, dark foliage
enhances the beauty of Soochow's
environs.

The city itself is built on islands in
a great lake encircled by hills. Be-
cause of this it has often been called
the Venice of the East.

The Chinese say, "Under Heaven,
Hangchow and Soochow," placing it
second in their list of beautiful cities.

Crisp and neat in a brocaded silk
gown slit from ankle to knee the girl
of Soochow to-day hurries about her
business or pleasure on high-heeled
suede shoes of the newest American
pattern and with her hair curled in
the latest London style. She keeps
alive in our generation the old tradi-
tion that Soochow is the home of
beautiful women.

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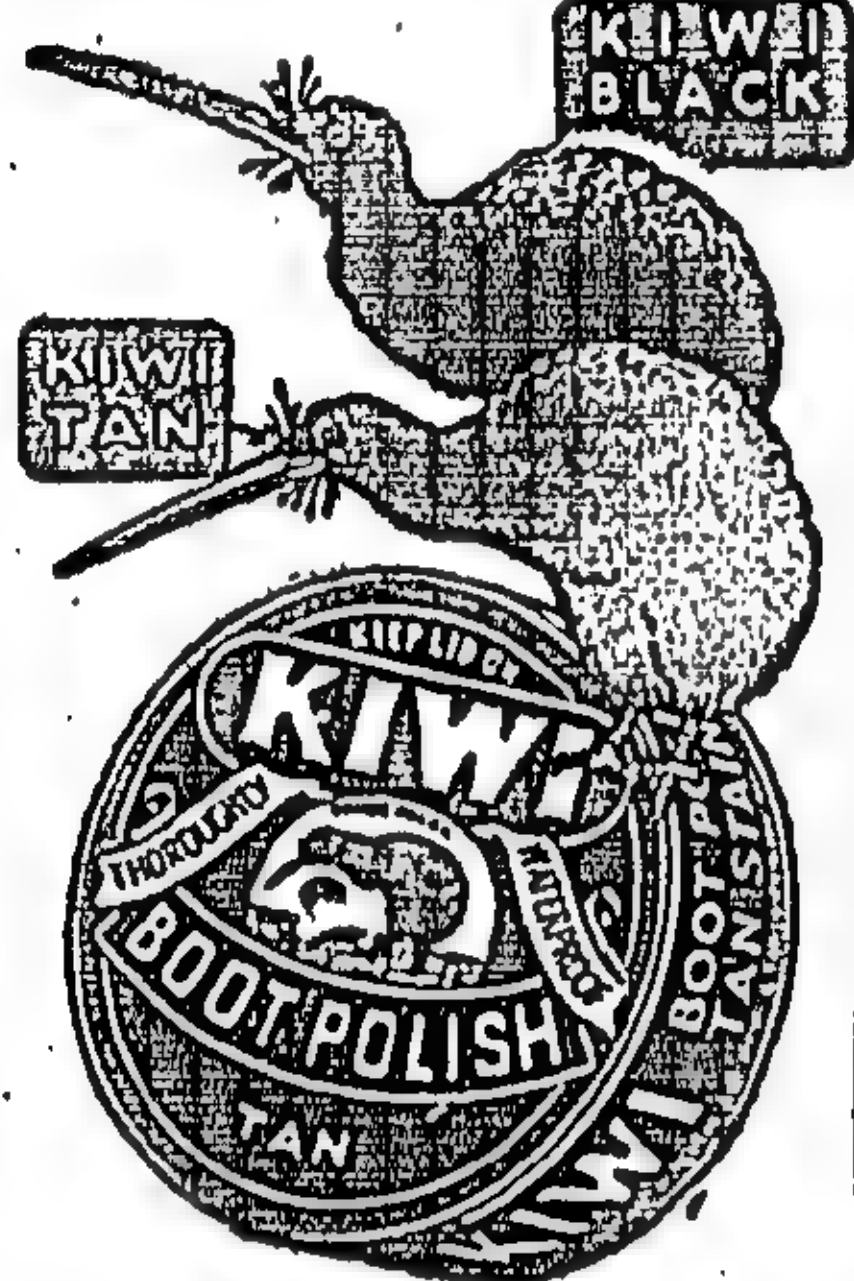
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BUSH GIRL LEADS KILLER TRIBE

Named Clara And Speaks English

(By Sean Fielding)

Dr. Donald Thomson, brilliant young British anthropologist and explorer, has solved a puzzle that for 13 years has intrigued the world—he has found a mystery English-speaking woman whom legend described as leader of a nomad killer-aborigine tribe in the Australian bush.

It was believed that the woman, sole survivor of the ill-fated Commonwealth survey ship Douglas Mawson, lived somewhere in grim, uncharted Arnhem Land on the north-east coast of northern territory.

The Douglas Mawson had aboard an English woman and her 11-years-old daughter. When the ship foundered in Caledon Bay, Arnhem Land, in 1923, mother and daughter were held to have not ashore. The mother, it was stated, was murdered, but the daughter allowed to live.

AN AMAZON

Pearlman told of hearing of a woman who spoke English, and who was a leader of the spearmen on the coast.

Dr. Thomson has found that woman after a 15-months solitary trek in Arnhem Land. She does speak English fluently; she was blamed for most of the trouble on the coast.

But she is not English. She is called Clara, and of her Dr. Thomson says:

"She showed extraordinary courage and intelligence. She was abducted from her own tribe and brought to Caledon Bay, where she has been ever since."

That is all that is known of her...

COMING TO LONDON

Dr. Thomson is shortly sailing for England to see his parents, who live at Finchley, N. He went to Arnhem Land alone and unarmed, except for a shot-gun to provide food, as special patrol officer for the Commonwealth Government.

He is the only white man to have penetrated Arnhem Land. The natives, killers and haters of intruders, made him their blood brother, showed him the secret quarry where they still chip flints for spearheads, allowed him to photograph sacred ceremonies.

He was adopted as a "son" of Old Man Wongo, a native officially regarded by the Commonwealth Government as the worst of Arnhem Land's "bad-men" and killers.

I saw Dr. Thomson's father at his Finchley home. He said to me:

"There had been a number of killings at Caledon Bay. Donald offered to go there to see if he could pacify the natives and learn something of their country and habits."

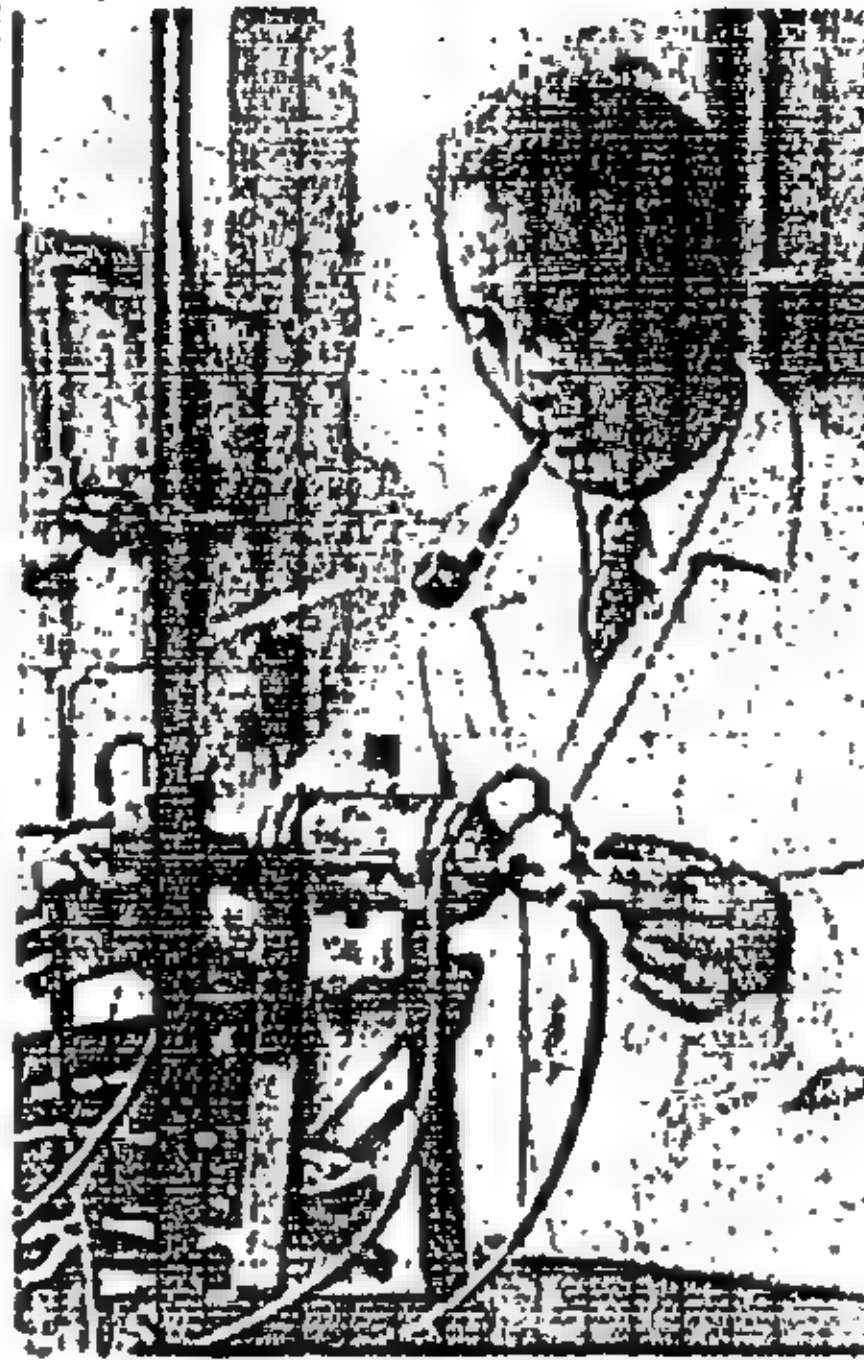
"Donald approached Caledon Bay from the hinterland, and by persuasion convinced Old Man Wongo that he meant no harm."

"Old Man Wongo kept his position as leader through his fighting ability and that of his many warrior sons. But he became Donald's best friend. Through the centuries-old 'grape vine telegraph' Old Man Wongo sent word to all tribes that my son was to receive help and friendship."

"Donald walked and canoed about 1,500 miles during his trek. Some of the tribes he met became tree dwellers in the wet seasons; some of them were very dangerous."

"He learned the language and had no trouble with any of them. In fact, the only trouble he did have was with the food. He found it quite edible, but it affected his teeth and digestion. At times he was forced to eat snakes."

Dr. Thomson is married and has two children, boy twins. He won the Humber-Higginsbotham scholarship at the University of Melbourne for the "best work on the sociology of the Australian aborigine ever written." He is to continue his anthropological research studies at Cambridge University under the Rockefeller Foundation.



Professor Albert von Szent-Gyorgyi, the Hungarian explorer, who has received this year's Nobel Prize in physiology and medicine, for his discoveries of vitamins photographed working at his laboratory in Szeged.

Rector, 60, Weds Bride Of 17

CHURCH DASH OUTWITS CROWD

Yeovil (Somerset),

Nov. 19.
HUNDREDS of women trudged through muddy lanes in the rain today to see the Rev. Gerald Stubbs, sixty-year-old rector of West Chinnock, married to his seventeen-year-old organist, Miss Betty Fewings.

The marriage took place in the village church. People stood in the aisles to watch.

When the ceremony ended the side door of the church was quietly opened.

Bride and bridegroom made a sudden dash through it, jumped into a waiting car and were whisked away to the rectory.

The crowd rushed after them, stumbling over gravestones in their excitement—but were too late.

At the reception the rector said to sixty guests: "At first we thought of getting married by special licence. But people might have had a little more to talk about, so we made our happy day a public one."

As the couple left by car on a touring honeymoon a woman stood in their path and tried to stop them.

She shouted at them, but the car swerved past her and drove on.

Footnote: The rector's parish of Chiselborough—with West-Chinnock has 500 people, yields a net income of £410 a year with house.

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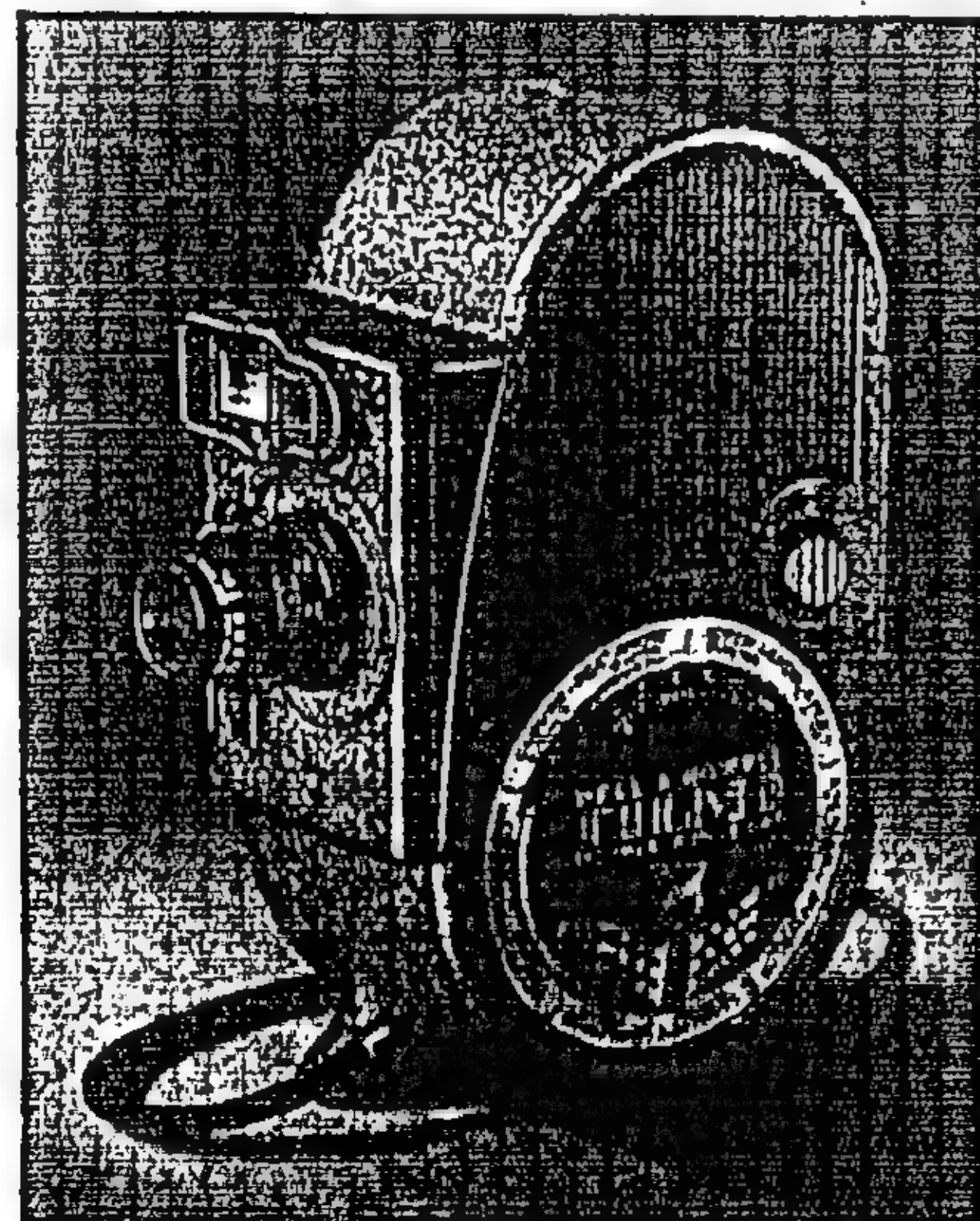
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A. V. GOSANO ASKED TO RETURN TO FOOTBALL

DECLINES AND MISSES CHANCE OF PLAYING AGAINST CORINTHIANS

(By "Veritas")

Not a few people, especially those who hate to see their old favourites taking the final bow, have wondered whether A. V. Gosano is definitely lost to Hongkong football. That many, despite "A.V.'s" protestations before the start of the present season, still believed he would answer the call for important matches, is indicated by the fact that he has been approached, first by the Portuguese selectors to turn out in the International Charity Cup competition, and secondly by the H.K.F.A., to play for the Hongkong-born XI against the British Isles in an exhibition match on January 2.

But I can state quite categorically that Gosano will not do soccer boots and jersey this season. He has already turned down the suggestion to figure in the Portugal eleven, and by the time this is read, the H.K.F.A. will have received his nay to the exhibition match invitation.

These decisions have not been reached without a certain amount of hesitancy, which has been heightened by the knowledge that participation in these games would offer Gosano a very sporting chance of figuring in the Colony side against the Tillington Corinthians in February—a very tempting inducement indeed. However, Gosano feels that football has seen enough of him, and another point, missed by large numbers of people, is that soccer on our hard grounds, played at a fast pace, and invariably keen in competition, is not all beer and skittles. There are knockouts to be taken which one begins to feel are hardly worth while after 21 years continuous association with the game. What is more "A.V." is finding quite a niche for himself in the world of cricket and finds the more leisurely tempo of that game rather attractive.

However, I do hear that there is more than a possibility that Betty Gosano, who is coming down to Hongkong for the holidays, will turn out for Portugal in the International Charity Cup encounter, and that Beltrao, who has also more or less forsaken football for cricket, will play for his country against England.

It is rather a pity Betty Gosano will not be here for the New Year, otherwise the selectors might do much worse than invite him to turn out for the Hongkong-born Eleven. Betty, I am told, is keeping in strict training up in Swatow and is making a name for himself in the port at

football, hockey, tennis, and, believe it or not, softball. However, the selectors have still not a useful looking side together for January 2, with Tam Kwong-kon in goal, Lee Tin-sang and Chris Pile at full back, Carlos Remedios, erstwhile Shanghai Interporter, Beltrao and Leung Wing-chui in the half back, and an attack comprising Tommy Pile and Fung King-cheung on the right wing, Lai Shui-wing and Ho Ching-to on the left, with the centre-forward berth now left

Surrey Win Rugby Championship Match

London, Dec. 22.
Playing in the Rugby County Championship at Portsmouth to-day, Surrey beat Hampshire, after a fast match, by 12 points to six.—*Reuter*.

vacant owing to Gosano's decision. Reserves are: Sammy Tsang, Costa, Hussain, Lam Tak-po, Jorge and Leonard.

REVISED HOLIDAY SCHEDULE THREE LEAGUE MATCHES

Here is the re-arranged local football programme for the Christmas and New Year holidays, issued by the Hongkong Football Association. It should be noted that all remaining league fixtures are cancelled.

FIRST DIVISION

January 1, 1938
South China "A" v St. Joseph's C.H.I.

SECOND DIVISION

December 26, 1937
5th Bde. R.A. v Kwong Wah K 3 p.m.
January 1, 1938
South China v Eastern C.H.I.

ANNUAL CRICKET MATCH

Navy Gain First Day's Lead Over Army

Consistent Batting

Leading by 92 on the first day's play in their annual encounter in the triangular cricket tournament, the Navy have placed themselves in a comfortable position against the Army. Only two Army batsmen contributed over 20, but the Navy batsmen were most consistent, only three failing to reach double figures.

The Army began well, but the tail failed to wag and their side was all out for 116. Carless and Boucher going on late for the Navy, claimed four wickets each. Lieut. Weeden was top scorer for the Army with 37, 16 of which were from boundaries. With their first four batsmen totalling 122 between them, and Sub. Lieut. Kyrke scoring a rapid 22 at the end (including six), the Navy's ultimate score of 208 was not surprising. Capt. Whitmarsh was run out after scoring 32.

Scores:	
Army	
Lt. Weeden, c Ogle b Boucher	37
Cpl. Jones, c Walters b Kyrke	10
Lieut. McLagan, c Ogle b Boucher	25
Capt. Whitmarsh, b Carless	15
Lieut. Bendall, c Woods b Boucher	13
Lieut. Godby, c Woods b Boucher	7
Sgt. Payne, b Carless	6
C. M. S. Warr, b Carless	5
Pte. Hatfield, b Carless	4
Lieut. Barron, run out	3
Lt. Cpl. Cheney, not out	2
Extras	16
Total	116

Bowling Analysis	
	O. M. R. W.
Kyrke	0 2 10 1
Cotman	2 2 10 1
Paxton	2 2 10 1
Carless	2 2 10 1
Boucher	10 2 29 4

Bowling Analysis	
	O. M. R. W.
Barron	18 3 66 4
Cheney	13 3 58 2
Hatfield	13 4 32 2
Payne	3 1 10 1
Godby	3 1 30 1
McLagan	8 1 37 3

SCHOOLS' MATCH

LA SALLE COLLEGE DEFEAT QUEEN'S BY 65 RUNS
Z. Gosano, who scored 44, and A. el Arculli, who bowled well to take seven for 14, enabled La Salle College to defeat Queen's College by 65 at the Indian R.C. ground yesterday.

La Salle	
Z. Gosano, c and b Rumlajn	44
F. Catton, c T. Singh b Rumlajn	10
T. Singh, run out	9
H. Remedios, b Rumlajn	10
H. Silva, b Rumlajn	14
R. Marques, b Rumlajn	8
T. Bayot, run out	5
A. el Arculli, b N. Singh	5
M. Rosa, c Wong b Singh	2
M. Carvalho, not out	0
D. Rodrigues, b Singh	0
Extras	8
Total	91

Bowling Analysis	
	O. M. R. W.
*Rumlajn	12 2 33 5
N. Singh	12 2 50 3
*Bowled 2 wickets.	

Queen's College	
Rumlajn, c J. Gosano b Arculli	0
T. Singh, l.b.w. b J. Gosano	0
T. C. Lo, b J. Gosano	1
G. Singh, b Arculli	6
N. Singh, b J. Gosano	6
M. Karim, b Arculli	0
H. Ho, b Arculli	4
C. K. Chung, c J. Gosano b Arculli	5
S. E. Bux, b Arculli	0
K. C. Wong, b Arculli	0
R. A. Bux, not out	0
Total	20

Bowling Analysis	
	O. M. R. W.
Arculli	10 6 14 7
J. Gosano	10 6 12 3

SWEEPSTAKE RACES

Kittiwake and Diana were the winners in their respective classes in yesterday's sweepstake races held by the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club over a course of 9.2 miles.
"A" class started at 14.45 and "B" class at 14.55.



M. R. MALIK

HOCKEY PERSONALITY M. R. MALIK, THE K.I.T.C. LEFT HALF BACK

(By "The Pilgrim")

M. R. Malik is now known through the hockey community of Hongkong as the brilliant K.I.T.C. and Civilians left half. He is a comparatively recent arrival from India, and according to the brand of hockey he is playing at the moment should experience small difficulty in winning his place in the Colony XI.

Malik says from what he has seen of Hongkong hockey, he regards the standard as pretty high. He is the donor of hockey sticks which are to be won by eight of the best players in local leagues.

Triangular Hockey

Tournament

H.K. CLUB THE CHAMPIONS

Draw With Army.
But Rather
Lucky

(By "The Pilgrim")

In a fast game where plenty of good hockey was seen, the Club drew 2-2 yesterday with the Army on the home ground at King's Park after being led by a goal at the interval. The Army were unlucky not to win. They had the measure of the Civilians for fully 45 minutes of the game.

Commencing with a man short the Army were on the defensive for the first five minutes. Gopal Ram filled his usual place at inside-left with Narain Ram falling back to left-half in place of T. Singh, who was absent. With a full team the military attack got going but the Club intermediates with W. A. Read as pivot were early defending stoutly. After 15 minutes' play Fowler received a pass in the circle but the winger missed his chance. The Army came back with a determined rush, and minutes later Partaub, in a brilliant solo effort down the left wing dribbled the ball past Bates and Wallace to find the net giving Benwell no chance whatever.

The Club were soon through again but Divett missed a sitter from a pass off Bond. A good lead was maintained by the Army when the interval arrived. On resumption the military attack soon got busy Sawal Khan, Pritam Nath and Gopal Ram hemming in the Club defenders. Bates rushed in to save a dangerous situation when Pritam Nath was about to find his mark.

At the other end Wilson was called up to save his charge from Divett. Benwell in turn did likewise, clearing a terrific drive from Sawal Khan. Within 25 minutes the Army forced a short corner and from the resultant hit off Khuda Bux ran through to flick the ball into the net after Benwell had made a partial clearance.

With 10 minutes to go the Club attacked energetically and Divett found the net after Wilson had attempted a poor clearance. Sensing possible victory and cheered on enthusiastically by their backers the Club again looked dangerous. Their efforts were soon rewarded when with two minutes to go, Bond crossed a nice centre to Divett for the latter

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NOTES OF INTEREST

(By "The Pilgrim")

I AM sorry to hear that Parker, the well known Police centre-forward is still in hospital. His absence from the attack has affected the team considerably. C. S. Wilson (A.S.P.), former Police leader, is back from home leave and will shortly take an active part in the game.

TALK of the Civilians and Services replay is still in the air. From what I hear it is very doubtful whether the match will be played this month, though there is every hope of a replay sometime in January.

M. R. Palmer, Secretary of the Hongkong Hockey Association, is doing remarkable work, and the Association is fortunate in obtaining the services of so capable a person to fill the vacancy vacated by Mr. F. A. Kemp who is still on Home Leave. Mr. Palmer is also coach of the "Y" Ladies hockey team, present Caer Clark Cup champions. Well done "G.T." I am certain your services will be appreciated by one and all—you are doing a great deal for the good of the game in the Colony and players in general.

IN Miss D. Moss, formerly a left half, the C.B.S. ladies have discovered a brilliant goal-keeper. Though her team went down to St. Andrew's in a Caer Clark Cup fixture she gave a very good exhibition



Mrs. Henry, who has returned to the Colony and is again playing for the Y.M.C.A. hockey team.

between the sticks. More will be heard of Miss Moss by the time the league is over. I hope she sticks to goalkeeping.

THE Y. Ladies have strengthened their team by the inclusion of Mrs. Read and Mrs. Henry, two former stalwarts who are back again in the Colony. Should they defeat the Hongkong Ladies in their return game in January, their winning the Caer Clark Cup for the second time in succession will be a foregone conclusion.

to beat Wilson with the equaliser. The game ended in semi-darkness.

The Army seemed the better team but full credit goes to the Club for equalising during the last ten minutes. Bond, Bickford and Divett were the most dangerous of the Club forwards—Fowler was too well marked by Kishen Singh. W. A. Read was outstanding at centre-half, with Wallace the best of the backs.

Pritam Nath led the Army attack well, receiving brilliant support from Sawal Khan, Gopal Ram and Partaub. Stangleton played a grand game as pivot, with Ray and Narain Ram also in the line. Kishen Singh at left back was safer than Stickley.

The Club have now won the Triangular Tournament with three victories and a draw. They defeated the Navy twice—beat and drew with the Army once. G. E. R. Divett tops the list of goal scorers with six to his credit. Well done the Club!

Affecting Standard Of Hockey

ALL seems quiet in the United Hockey Tournament. The games are progressing very satisfactorily and according to Sub Inspector Tyler all will be well that ends well, but the end is yet to come. I have seen some good games in the tournament as well as bad ones.

One influence which seems to encourage bad play, by which I mean a low standard of hockey is the umpiring. Each team supplies its own umpires and some have still a great deal to learn about the game, before they should be permitted to take control.

Two recent games are still fresh in my mind. The umpires appointed were members of their respective clubs and as soon as one team had scored it seemed impossible for the opponents to equalise. This sometimes happens because the umpires involved want to see his own team win, often at any cost. The game consequently suffers—play becomes rough and uninteresting with unpleasant remarks thrown about between the umpires and players. In this particular case no player was sent off the field but the match ended in a very unsatisfactory manner.

I don't mean to suggest that the umpires are deliberate in their faulty decisions but the feeling towards one's own team is there and if an obvious foul is not checked the official becomes the centre of abuse. I do not wish to condemn any umpire as I know hockey umpiring is a thankless job but if a game is well controlled by a competent umpire and it so happens to be a neutral man, a keen interesting game is bound to be seen.

I hope I am not trespassing on any one's corns, but through personal experience, I have found it much safer to have a neutral umpire. The teams participating in the United first division are really A.1 and though they are requested to supply their own umpires—I would advise them to have a neutral man. I am positive if this is brought to force the tournament will achieve more success than at present, the standard of hockey will become much higher, and players in general will be more satisfied.

whilst Mehar Singh and Jackson were outstanding in defence.

The Radio forwards were good but G. Singh and Telok Singh should have found the net at least three times in the first half. H. Hassan was excellent at centre half and Kitchell at right half was also in the limelight. J. Singh and M. Singh in the last line of defence were slow and every erratic with their clearances. Rocha played a grand game between the sticks. The game was fast throughout but at times too vigorous.



Pritam Nath, the brilliant leader of the Army attack.

SURPRISE DEFEAT FOR RADIO

On the Police Training School ground last Thursday the Radio Sports Club were defeated by the Hongkong Police by a goal to nil. In the first half the Police played a man short, Heath failing to put in an appearance. The Radio men took complete control of the game in the initial half and failed to achieve victory because luck was with the other side.

Neat stickwork and good combination carried Jangeer Singh, Telok Singh and S. Singh through the Police defence on many occasions but the well organised attempts missed their mark by inches. Jessop also came to his side's rescue with fine clearances. At the other end Byrne got away down the left wing after beating the Radio defence on his own but Rocha ran out to save the situation. The interval arrived with a blank score sheet.

The second half began with the Police making dashing attacks. Karnall Singh, a reserve, was included at right half bringing the home team to full strength. The keepers of the Radio maintained pressure and were rewarded after fifteen minutes play when P. Singh scored their only goal off a short corner. For the rest of the game the Police were in command and though the Radio penetrated the opposing defence on numerous occasions they failed to

Brown, Howlett and Teja Singh were the pick of the Police attack.

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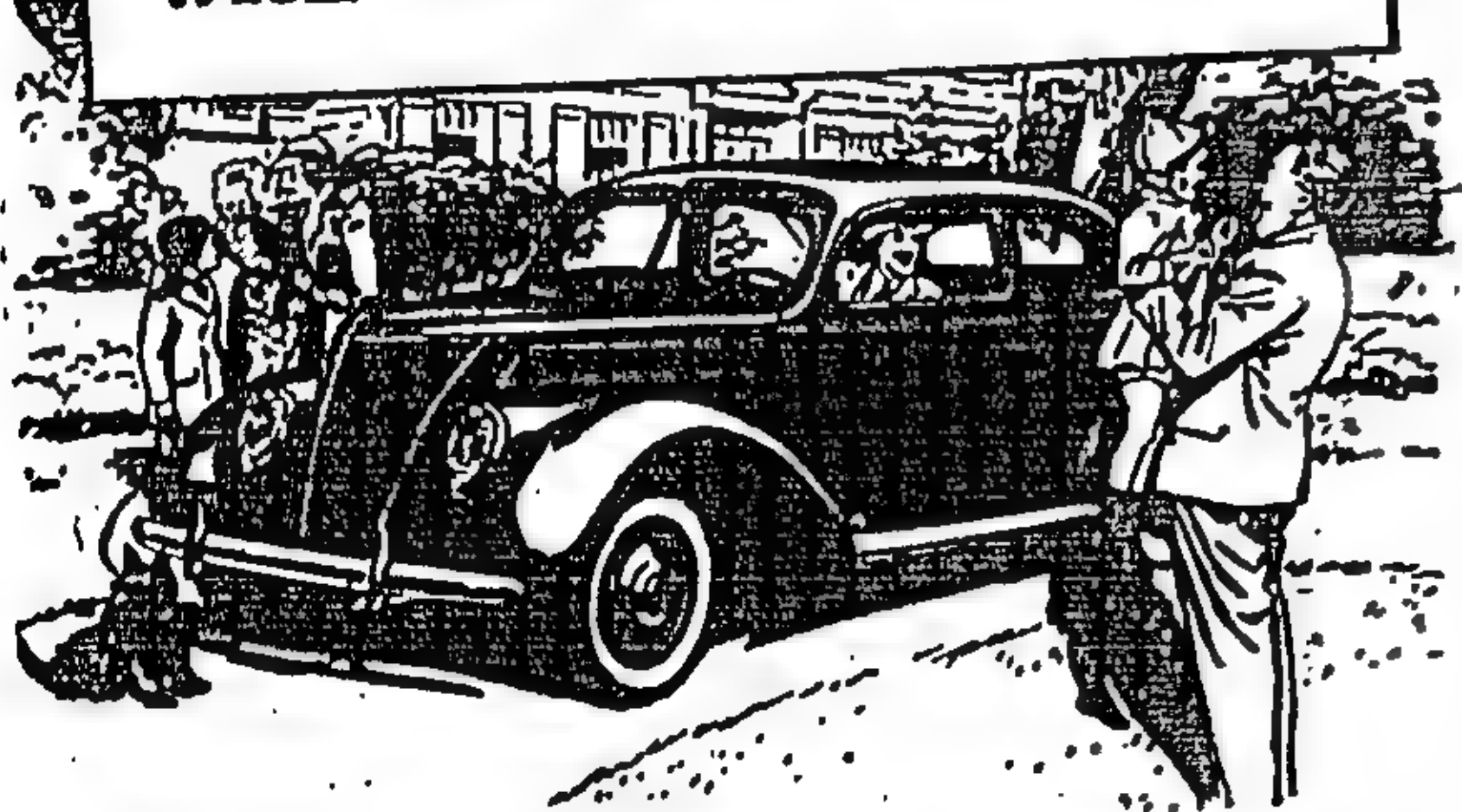
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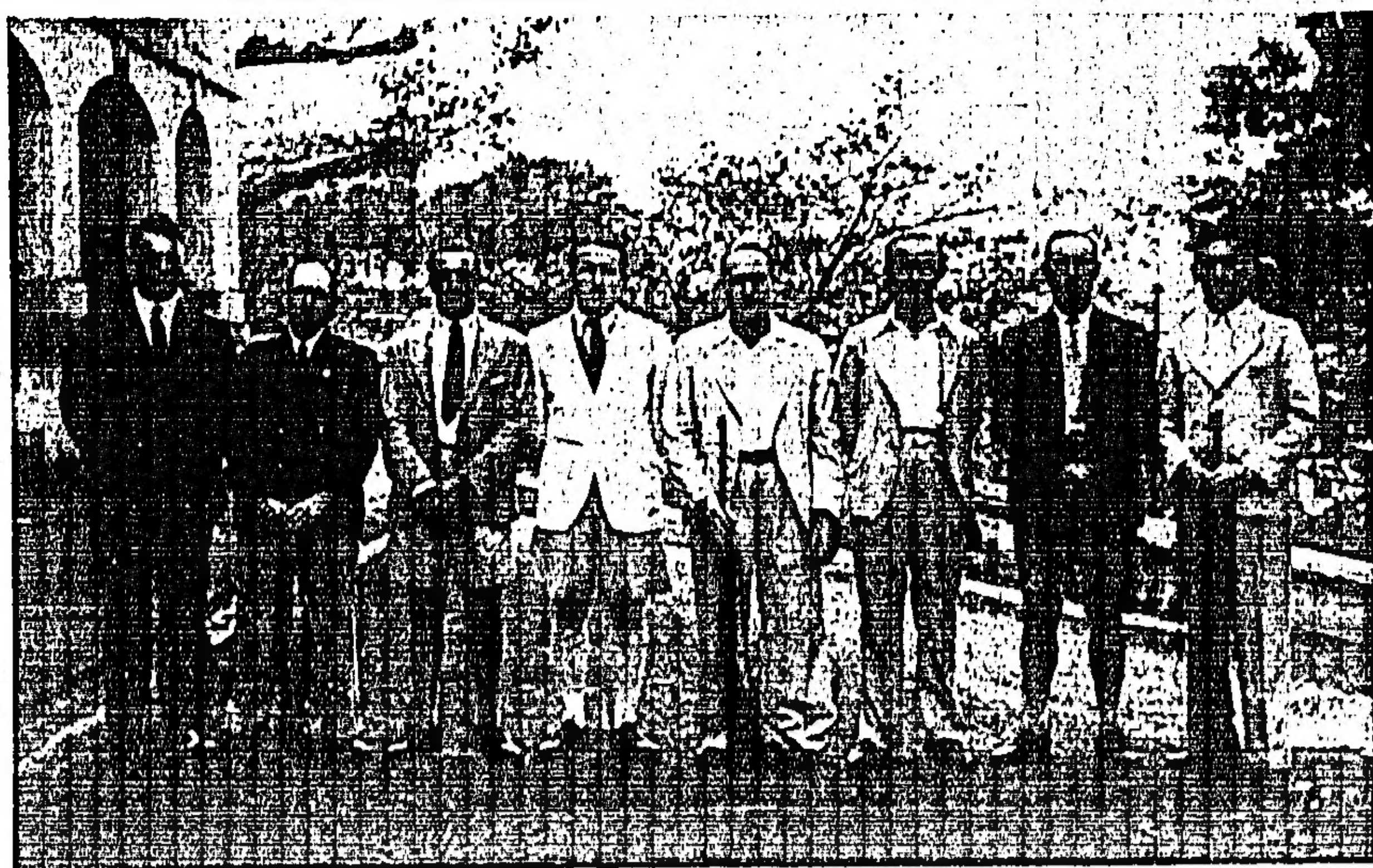
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BOY HAS CHANCE TO REFORM

A chance to reform was given to a youth, Ho Tim-cho, 17, by Mr. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, when he admitted stealing from his step-brother in Macao. He was charged with being in possession of stolen property, a wrist watch, a jade hair ornament, a watch chain and \$17.00, the property of his brother, Ho Tim-chuen, of Ko Mei Street, Macao.

Complainant said he was not pressing the case as all his property had been recovered. Defendant had never before been in trouble, and believed that the boy had been induced by somebody to steal his things.

His Worship ordered defendant to sign a bond of \$50 to be of good behaviour for a year. Detective-Sergeant J. Allen prosecuted.

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New York, Dec. 22.
The following quotations on the New York commodity exchange are issued by Reuters:

New York Cotton		
Jan.	2.22/20	8.26/26
March	8.33/32	8.38/39
May	8.42/40	8.46/46
July	8.47/46	8.50/50
Oct.	8.53/53	8.59/59
December	8.58/58	8.61/61
Spot		8.48

The First Notice Day for January Cotton is Dec. 27 and the Delivery Date Jan. 3.

New York Rubber		
Dec.	15.47/47	15.50/50
March	15.55b/55a	15.58/58
July	15.69/70	15.68b/50a
Sept.	15.75b	15.58 N

Sales for the day:—810 tons.
The last Notice Day for December Rubber is Dec. 29.

Chicago Wheat		
Dec.	94 3/4/94 3/4	94 3/4/94 3/4
May	92 1/2/92 1/2	91 3/4/91 3/4
July	86 7/8/86 7/8	85 1/2/85 1/2

Tuesday's Sales:—
Chicago Corn

Dec.	97 1/2/97 1/2	97 1/2/97 1/2
May	60 5/8/60 5/8	59 1/2/59 1/2
July	59 1/2/59 1/2	59 1/2/59 1/2

The last Notice Day for December Grains is December 30.

Winnipeg Wheat		
Dec.	120 1/4/120 1/4	120 1/4/120 1/4
May	117 1/10/117 1/10	116 1/10/116 1/10
July	110 1/10	110 1/10

The last Notice Day for December Winnipeg Wheat is December 31.

EXCHANGE RATES

	Dec. 21.	Dec. 22.
Paris	147.9/84	147.11/64
Geneva	21.60 1/2	21.60 1/2
Berlin	12.40 1/4	12.40 1/4
Amsterdam	547 1/2	547 1/2
Milan	95	95
Copenhagen	22.40	22.40
Stockholm	10.40	10.40
Oslo	19.00	19.00
Helsingfors	22.6 1/2	22.6 1/2
Shanghai	1/2 1/2	1/2 1/2
New York	4.00/27/32	4.00/27/32
Vienna	20 1/2	20 1/2
Amsterdam	8.00	8.00 1/2
Prague	142 1/4	142 1/4
Madrid	Nom.	Nom.
Lisbon	110 1/4	110 1/4
Hongkong	1/3	1/3
Bombay	1/6 1/2	1/6 1/2
Montreal	5.00 1/2	5.00 1/2
Brussels	20.42	20.42 1/2
Yokohama	1/2	1/2
Belgrade	216	216
Montevideo	30 1/2	30 1/2
Rio de Janeiro	2.22/32	2.22/32
Silver (Spot)	18 1/2	18 1/2
Silver (forward)	18 1/2	18 1/2
War Loan	101 1/2	101 1/2

—British Wireless.

HOLIDAY AT SANDRINGHAM

London, Dec. 22.
The King and Queen, Queen Mary, and the Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose, left London to-day for the Christmas holidays at Sandringham.—Reuters.



Fun-making BOBIE CANTOR is shown above surrounded by TONY MARTIN (upper left), BOLAND YOUNG (lower right), LUNE LANG (upper left) and LOUISE HOPKIN (upper right) in a scene from "All Hail the Conquering Heroine" musical produced by All-Making Twentieth Century-Fox.

RIFLE SHOOTING Submarines Win

There was another large attendance at the mid-week Spoon and Practice Shoot, held by the Hongkong Rifle Association on the Army Ranges at Kowloon City yesterday afternoon, when a match took place concurrently with the Spoon and Practice Shoot between members of the Rifle Clubs of the Fourth Submarine Flotilla and the 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment. As will be seen from the scores given below, the match resulted in a win for the sailors by the narrow margin of two points, and it should be explained that all the soldiers used the "rifle as issued" and were given a handicap of seven points for each of the six members of the Flotilla R. C. who were using the "1914" weapon, with aperture sight and sling.

Weather conditions were, on the whole, good, but the light was too dull for the comfort of many competitors, while the wind at 300 yards was of varying strength and direction, and was blowing sufficiently hard to make shooting difficult. The outstanding feature of the match was undoubtedly the all-round level of the aggregate obtained by the members of each team, while the high average made by the members using the "rifle as issued" augurs well for the team which will use this rifle when shooting in the S.R. (a) team in the Inter-Colonial Match next week.

The annual Wapenshaw Shoot, normally held on Boxing Day, has been postponed until the Sunday shoot on the morning of January 23, since, owing to the large number of members who are expected to take part in this competition, the only range where sufficient target accommodation available is at Kowloon City.

Information has been received from the Singapore Rifle Association that that Association and the Federated Malay States Volunteer Rifle Association have agreed to the conditions of a shoot suggested by the H.K.R.A. for an annual match "between members of these three Associations. A letter has come to hand from the Ceylon Rifle Association also agreeing to the proposed conditions for this shoot, and the matter is now being actively pursued with the organisations mentioned.

The Honorary Secretary of the Shanghai Rifle Association, who has been visiting the Colony, recently had an interview with the Honorary Secretary, H.K.R.A., when it was agreed that the conditions of the annual Inter-Port Shoot should be revised in certain of those respects which led the H.K.R.A. to withdraw from the match, and this matter is also receiving the attention of those affected.

The scores in yesterday's match and the leading scores of the usual Spoon and Practice Shoot are as follows:

4th Submarine Flotilla R.C. 300 500 600 Total

Leut. Jenks 31 30 31 92

E. R. A. Haynes 33 32 32 97

TURF TRAINING TIMES

NEW PONIES' FIRST APPEARANCES AT HAPPY VALLEY

EASY OUTINGS YESTERDAY

The most recent acquisitions to the Hongkong Jockey Club stables made their first appearances at Happy Valley yesterday, but were content with easy gallops over the three quarters and the mile. The times were comparatively slow, but promise was nevertheless shown by several ponies.

The complete times were as follow:

	Dis- tance	1st.	1 1/4	1 1/2	1 3/4	2	Last Qr.
Sub-Griffin No. 56	(S)	43	1:20.2	1:53			32.3
Sub-Griffin No. 104	(S)	43	1:20.2	1:53			32.3
See That	(A)	42	1:20.2	1:53.2			31.2
Alber	(A)	42	1:22	1:53.2			31.2
Viber	(A)	40	1:10	1:52.2			33.2
Bredon	(G)	34	1:00.3	1:38.1			31.3
National Pride	(G)	34	1:00.3	1:38.1			31.3
National Defence	(G)	34	1:00.3	1:38.1			31.3
Sea Spray	(A)	48	1:30	2:21			45
Sub-Griffin No. 57	(S)	47	1:34.1	2:19	2:51		32
Sub-Griffin No. 93	(S)	47	1:34.1	2:19	2:51		32
Merrick	(S)	48	1:32.2	2:10	2:55.2		30.2
Golden Brew	(S)	48	1:32.2	2:10	2:55.2		30.2
Jobber	(S)	34.4	1:13.3	1:52.2	2:23.2		31
Lancashire Lass	(G)	51.4	1:35	2:04			29
Lancashire Boy	(G)	51.4	1:35	2:04			29
Charybdis	(S)	46	1:20	2:08.1	2:41.3		33.2
National Crisis	(A)	40	1:25	1:59	2:30		30
Captain Blood	(S)	42	1:20.3	1:57.2	2:31.4		34.2
Salvage Master	(G)	47	1:29.3	2:08.4	2:36.4		30
Harmony Eve	(A)	47	1:29.3	2:08.4	2:36.4		30
Simonian Eve	(S)	54	1:42	2:28	3:02		34
Full Mark	(S)	54	1:42	2:28	3:02		34
Lucky Seven	(S)	54	1:42	2:28	3:02		34
Borrachito	(S)	53	1:44	2:28	3:03.2		35.2
Piet Hein	(S)	53	1:44	2:28	3:03.2		35.2
Arabian Cat	(S)	43	1:23	2:01	2:33		32
Jack High	(S)	39.2	1:20.2	2:02	2:34		32
Astrik	(S)	41.3	1:22	2:03	2:36.3		33.3
Angle	(S)	44	1:23	2:03.3	2:41.3		38
Golden Idol	(S)	44	1:23	2:03.3	2:41.3		38
National Triumph	(S)	44	1:23	2:03.3	2:41.3		38
Victory	(S)	44	1:27	2:08	2:45		37
Sub-Griffin No. 55	(S)	44	1:27	2:08	2:45		37
Split Hand	(S)	51	1:41	2:27	3:05		38
Sea Dragon	(S)	51	1:41	2:27	3:05		38
Cricketer	(S)	47.4	1:26.1	2:03.2			35.1
Fel Yng	(S)	45	1:31	2:18	2:56		36
African Cat	(S)	43.3	1:23	1:57			34
Mongolian Cat	(S)	43.3	1:23	1:57			34
Lancashire Chap	(S)	41.4	1:21	1:57.2	2:33.4		36.2
National Dignity	(S)	41.4	1:21	1:57.2	2:33.4		36.2
Five Virtues	(S)	44	1:22	1:57.3	2:34		36.2
Rexiana	(S)	43	1:22	1:57.3	2:34		36.2
Sunshine Susie	(S)	53	1:46	2:36	3:10		34
Cleve	(S)	53	1:46	2:36	3:10		34
The Leopard	(S)	55	1:49.3	2:16			35.2
Mac's Second Adventure	(S)	51	1:36	2:16	2:56		38
Daddy-Longlegs	(S)	47	1:33.4	2:12.2			38.3
Urber	(S)	47	1:33.4	2:12.2			38.3
On Your Toe	(S)	42.2	1:25	2:02.4			37.4

(G)=Griffins.
(S)=Subscription Griffins.
(A)=Australians.

E. R. A. Seymour	31	33	32	96
P. O. Hinds	31	30	32	93
P. O. Clark	33	34	22	89
L. Sea West (a)	29	23	33	85
Sea Knight	30	29	23	82
A. D. Looker (a)	29	23	23	75
Range Total	273	233	224	630

1st Bn. Middlesex Regiment R.C.		300 500 600 Total	
Leut. Pullman	20	20	30 84
Pte. Moss	20	22	29 81
L. Cpl. Langford	23	23	23 69
L. Cpl. Barker	23	23	23 69
Pte. Cox	28	28	28 84
L. Cpl. Jordan	23	23	23 69
Pte. Middleton	23	23	23 69
Pte. Lever	22	14	23 59
Range Total	211	222	217 650
		H'cap 42	
		692	

S.R. (b)				
	300	500	600	ARR
E.R.A. W. F. Haynes (Ser.)	33	32	32	97
P.O. C. Clark (3)	33	34	22	89
P.O. A. C. Hinds (4)	31	30	32	93
Lieut. Jenks (Ser.)	31	29	31	91
E.R.A. L. F. Seymour (2)	31	33	27	91
Sgt. Mannell (Ser.)	30	31	29	90
E. T. G. Johns	31	30	29	90
All the above competitors used the "1014" rifle				

All the above competitors used the "1914" rifle.
L. Cpl. R. Langford (S) 30 31 30 91
Pte. E. Moss (7) 20 22 29 81
L. Sgt. E. J. Jordan (S) 20 20 30 80
Leut. Pullman (7) 20 20 30 80
P. O. H. Richards (S) 30 30 30 90
Leut. L. B. Holmes (S) 24 24 30 84
L. Cpl. T. P. Baker (S) 23 23 23 69
Pte. A. H. Cox (S) 28 28 28 84
Pte. W. Smith (S) 24 24 23 80
L. Cpl. J. Baird (S) 20 23 27 80
Denotes the winner of the "net" spoon.
Denotes the winner of the "handicap" spoon.
The handicap of each winner has been reduced by one point as shown. This procedure applies to all S.R. (a) and S.R. (b) Spoon Shoots.

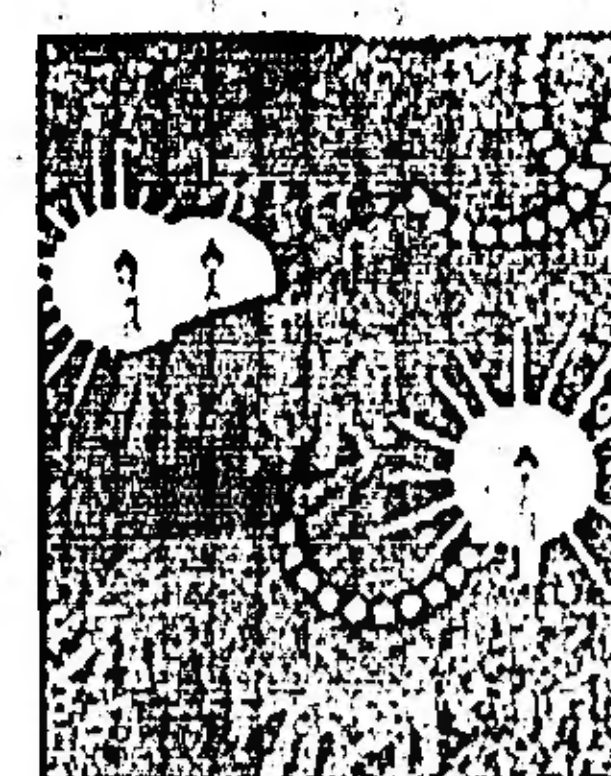
GOVERNMENT TO PAY OVER HALF BRIDGE'S COST

London, Dec. 22.
The Minister of Transport announced in the House of Commons at question time that the Government had decided to make a 50 per cent. grant towards the cost of the new Waterloo Bridge. This decision had been reached in view of the recognition of the fact that the new bridge is an essential feature in the number of important improvements in high-way facilities of the metropolis, which, after a review of the present and future traffic requirements, Government has satisfied itself are necessary.

The grant is expected to amount to a sum approaching £500,000. Doctor Burgin's announcement was welcomed by Mr. Herbert Morrison, himself former Minister of Transport and leader of the minority party on the London County Council.—British Wireless.

WINDFALL FOR LONDON HOSPITAL

London, Dec. 22.
A retired London solicitor, Mr. John Reid Barber, who died in October leaving estate of just over £200,000, bequeathed £120,000 to the King Edward's Hospital Fund for London.—British Wireless.



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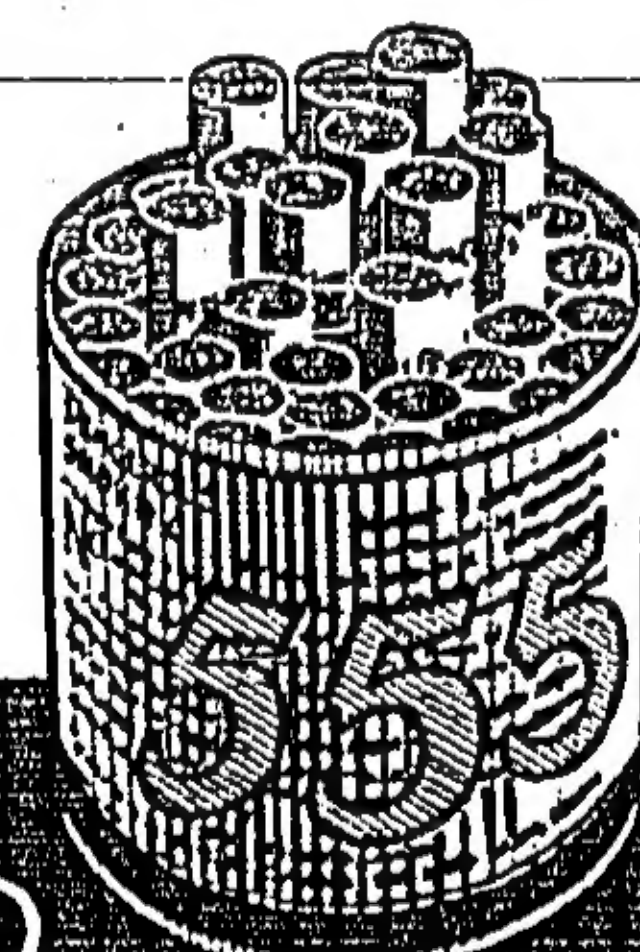
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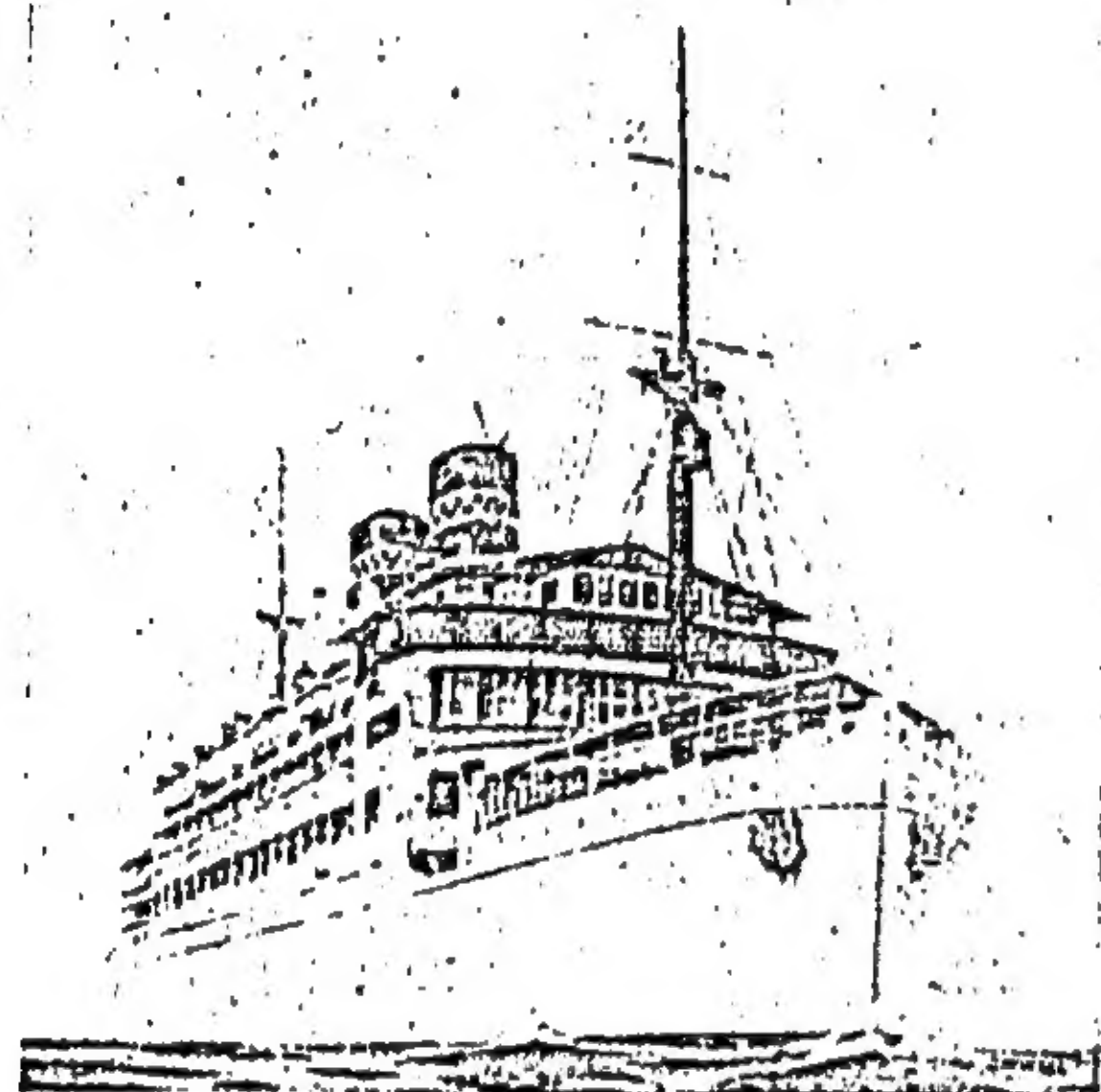
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The Price of Progress

EVERY time a pilot is killed in air racing, or trying to put up a new record, a number of people cry out in protest. Is it any use, they ask, sacrificing lives like this, in mad helicopter dashes about the skies, in an endeavour to put a mile or two on the speed record over a given course?

There is only one answer:—Racing must go on; lives must be given so that the quiet, everyday passengers who want to use air services for business and pleasure shall keep their lives and their safety.

I was flying in 1911 when the top speed in the air was between 40 and 50 m.p.h. In those days, all pilots were called fools and potential suicides.

Perhaps they were. I know we came flapping down often enough! If the wind blew down we came; if we tried to get about at night, down we came; if anything upset our balance in the air, causing a simple sideslip, a loop, or a spin—down we came!

I came down a few times myself. Once the man who is now Air Chief Marshal Sir John Salmond crashed a machine that I was due to fly as soon as he stepped out of it.

Lessons Learned

Once Lord Trenchard came down heavily when I was his passenger. The ground knocked off most of the undercarriage and shook the life out of the rest of the machine—and nearly out of us—but what was learned from that flight was of invaluable service to the designers.

I have tested hundreds of machines and flown in dozens of big races—King's Cup, Schneider Trophy, and many others.

In one King's Cup Race, my propeller flew off, chucked up the solitary engine, broke, hit me on the head, and stunned me for a second or two—and then fell exactly between two boys playing in a backyard. They were delighted.

I was over Newcastle at the time and it looks jolly spiky from the air. I got down somehow on the only open space for miles—a factory slag-heap.

On another occasion, I crashed a Schneider racer going flat out. We hit the sea at 300 m.p.h. and the machine flew to bits like a bomb. It wasn't nice. But an improvement in the design of that machine—the old S. 4—is now incorporated in many essentials in all private and public aircraft in this country.

Bert Hinkler was my pal. He put up a lot of records and then got killed in the Alps, trying to make one more. Again, the industry learned something.

Improving Design

The machine that won the Australian race was a racer pure and simple. But now machines of a similar type—only four times as big—are flying the Atlantic, ready for next summer's mail and passenger service to America.

In the last King's Cup race the "scratch" man's machine was built by students who will be our designers of the future. What they learn now from successes and failures, from crashes and arrivals, will serve the air-going passengers of to-morrow.

We are miles behind America and Germany now in the performances of our civil aircraft. Our machines are much slower, and no safer. We need races to improve design and add swiftness and staying power.

I say "hats off" to the pilots who give their lives to the game! We have never needed them. We flew the Atlantic first. We won the Schneider Trophy "for keeps." We won the Australian race.

Since I began flying at Hendon in 1911, I have seen the speed record put up to more than five times what it was. The altitude record has gone up almost as much. Safety in the air has gone up about a hundred times as much.

In those days we carried one or two passengers at our peril—and that's how I have flown a machine capable of carrying 140 passengers. It was a midge beside machines whose blueprints are already in the offices of Pan-American and Imperial Airways. I was told that Pan-

Test Pilots Must Face Risks

By Captain H. C. Llard

American have blueprinted a hundred-tonner. The biggest machine in commercial service now is, I believe, about 18 tons.

I have tested hundreds of new designs, things that were more

theories put into wire, steel, wood, and canvas. Any one of them might have hurried me to destruction—a good many tried to.

I am just an ordinary test pilot. There are dozens like me, who earn their daily bread by facing risks on new designs.

There are others who have had bad luck and got killed, racing, testing, or just quietly flying about. But not one life was wasted. Each death helped the designers to bring greater safety into public and private aircraft.

Tragic Golf Stories—And Others

TO the casual observer the rules which govern the game of golf, especially in the various championships, may seem unduly strict, but these laws must be as stringent as those of the Medes and Persians. One can recall a few curious incidents when a momentary lapse by the competitor was fraught with serious consequences.

The most recent incident was that of a few weeks ago, when a noted player, practically assured of victory, thoughtlessly dropped his ball on the green for a practice shot while waiting for his opponent to play, and was at once disqualified.

A very hard luck case, again, was that of Roger Weatherhead during play in the Open Championship at St. Andrews. In the course of the game his ball lay a few feet from the hole, and he prepared to putt. He walked towards the hole to note the lie of the ground, and in stepping backwards his heel came into contact with his ball, and he was penalised a stroke. He tied with Hutchison for first place, and lost on the replay.

The Broken Club

Some queer things, too, not so well known, happen in club competitions. I wonder how the majority of golfers would solve the following problem:—The club competition was a "one club only" game—that is, the competitors could select one club and one club only, to play throughout the match. One contestant armed with the popular choice, a mid-iron, had the misfortune half-way through the game to break his weapon, whereupon he borrowed another and finished the course, returning the best score of the day.

He was promptly objected to on the grounds that he had broken the "one club" rule by actually using two clubs. The matter was referred to the Club Committee for decision, and it was eventually decided, I think rightly, that the expression "one club only" might be construed

as meaning "one club of a kind only." But what a field here for legal argument!

Another peculiar case of extreme bad luck happened to two golfers in a Glasgow competition. While waiting their turn to play off they amused themselves by hitting a golf ball from one to the other some distance from the first tee. The outward man, while driving back to his friend, sliced his ball a little. It struck a tree and rebounded on to one of the greens. The ball was immediately retrieved, and they gave the matter no further thought.

The incident, however, had been observed by some sharp eye and reported, and when the two competitors returned with the best score of the day they were informed that they were disqualified, as the club rules, while allowing practice on the fairways, forbade the use of the greens.

Many Excuses

A somewhat similar case occurred during a club competition at Luffness. Two members while waiting their turn started quite innocently to practise putting on the last green. They awoke to the stern realities of the situation when they were promptly debarred from taking any further part in the competition.

To finish in less tragic vein one might recall the farewell speech of a certain Mr. "D." of Glasgow, who at the age of 80 resigned his club membership at a dinner given in his honour.

"It has pained me to discover," he said, amid the hilarious laughter of an appreciative if somewhat conscience-stricken audience, "that my opponent I happened to beat these last few months has invariably been afflicted for that day only either with lumbago, neuritis, spinal meningitis, sleepiness, the boils, or household's knee, and I refuse to be any longer associated with such a set of decrepit invalids."

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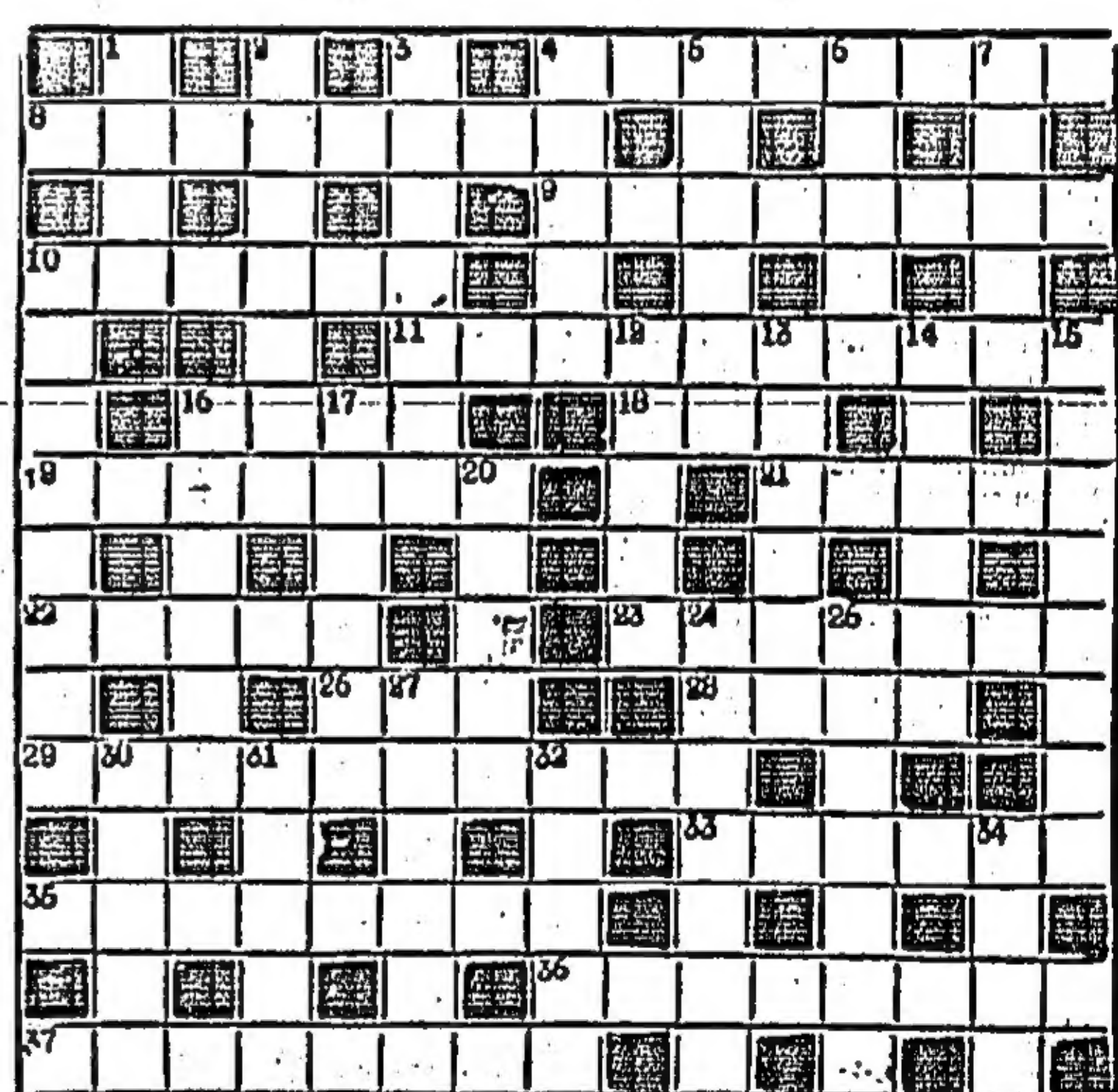
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- 4 The first tragedy managed to do this to the ten little nigger boys (8).
- 8 Solitary, and mostly so behind-hand (8).
- 9 Kind of Scots cap (8).
- 10 The car that is this is not a going concern (8).
- 11 Not a bed case (10).
- 12 One casts this with us in sport (4).
- 13 Men smell it to their advantage (3).
- 14 Share mostly sounding suggestive of Cockney grief (7).
- 21 Precious stones make this part of England (8).
- 22 The heart greets, and all is not lost (6).
- 23 One who may help to adorn the stars (7).
- 24 Shelter for a backward fish (3).
- 25 The turn of the tide in the Mediterranean (4).
- 26 It has safety on one side, peril on the other (10).
- 33 Making a record, but not in a particular note (8).
- 35 This plays when it works (8).
- 36 Ever and over (8).
- 37 Where dates are found (8).

DOWN

- 1 In Russia this girl is identified with current movements (4).
- 2 Spurs were not worn in this part of a warship (7).
- 3 This fish possessed a plant (7).
- 4 This is no credit to anyone (5).
- 5 Even the poorest can keep his head above this (6).
- 6 Evidently one of two members of the family has "gone native" (5).
- 7 A double humorist (8).
- 10 A dig about the attitude is suggested (8).

- 12 The weight to beat (5).
- 13 What is tried could be made to detect (8).
- 14 Men more readily anagram of this in war time to this request (6).
- 15 Coming to the point, both halves may be binding (8).
- 16 Compelled to proceed (6).
- 17 This would be beneath a M.F.H. of course (6).
- 20 This has never gone out of fashion with artists (6).
- 24 And this is to come in again (7).
- 25 Standing successfully for Parliament is a necessary prelude to this (7).
- 27 A small commission, no doubt (6).
- 30 The cold may not leave one the sense to notice this (5).
- 31 This painting depicts ordinary life (5).
- 32 A neighbour of the magpie (5).
- 34 Seeds of sorts (4).

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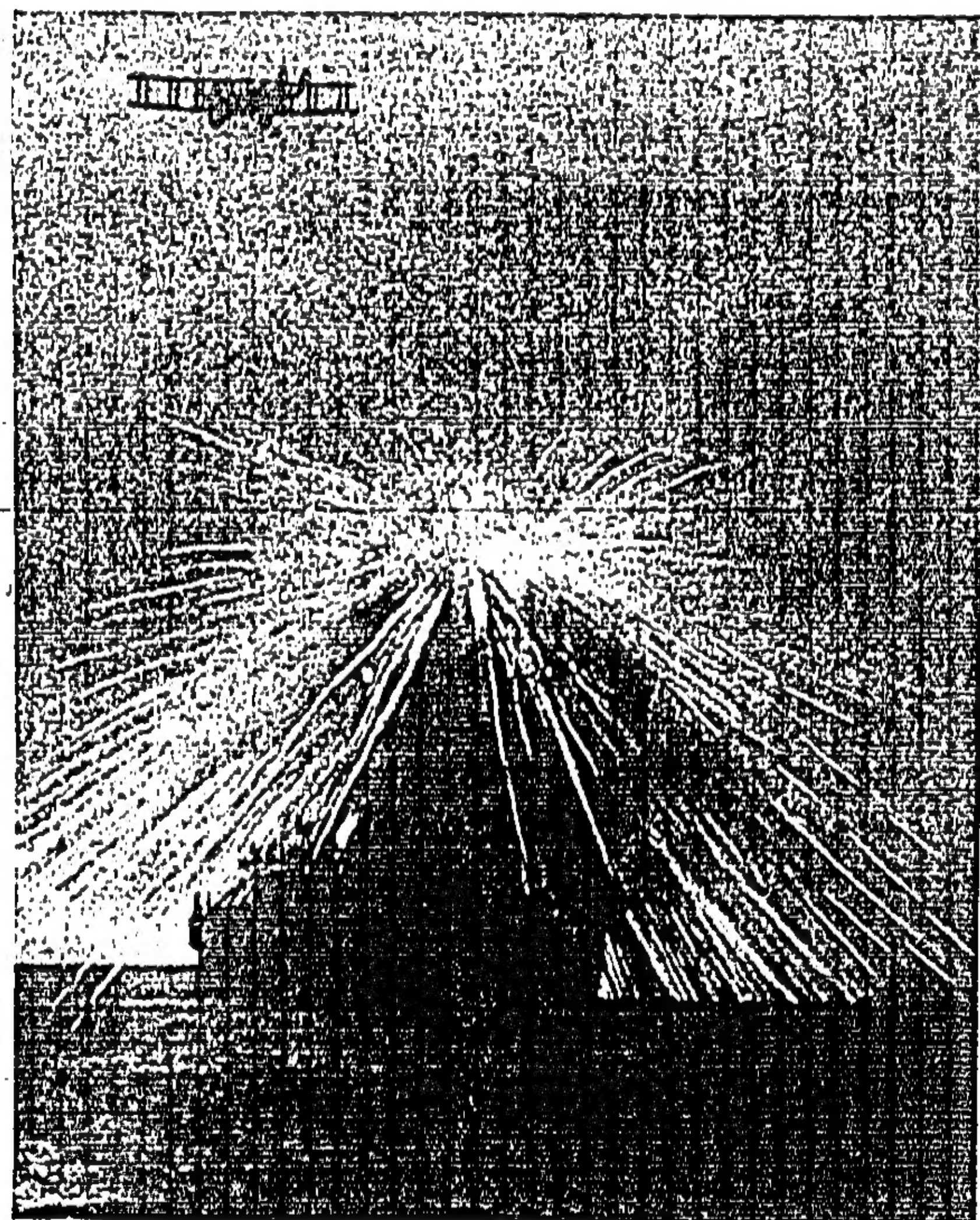
ARAB RAIDERS WHO ARE NOW GATHERING IN PALESTINE—Apart from the Arabs whose homes are in Palestine and who have definite anti-British and anti-Jewish feelings on account of the way in which they consider the mandate has been administered against their interests, there are now in Palestine many Arabs, Bedouins and others, attracted there by love of fighting and in the hope of establishing an Arab national home. Many are well armed with 1937 German rifles, other carry weapons of curious make and shape.



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7.00	Lv HANKOW	Ar	14.00		
8.15	Lv KIUKIANG	Lv	12.45		
9.35	Lv WUHU	Lv	11.25		
10.20	Lv NANKING	Lv	10.40		

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WEST BOUND (Read Down)			EAST BOUND (Read Up)		
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11.45	8.00	Lv HANKOW	Ar	17.10	11.15
	9.40	Lv SHASI	Lv	15.45	
	10.40	Lv ICHANG	Lv	14.45	
	13.00	Lv WANHSIEN	Lv	12.25	
	14.40	Ar CHUNGKING	Lv	10.30	8.00
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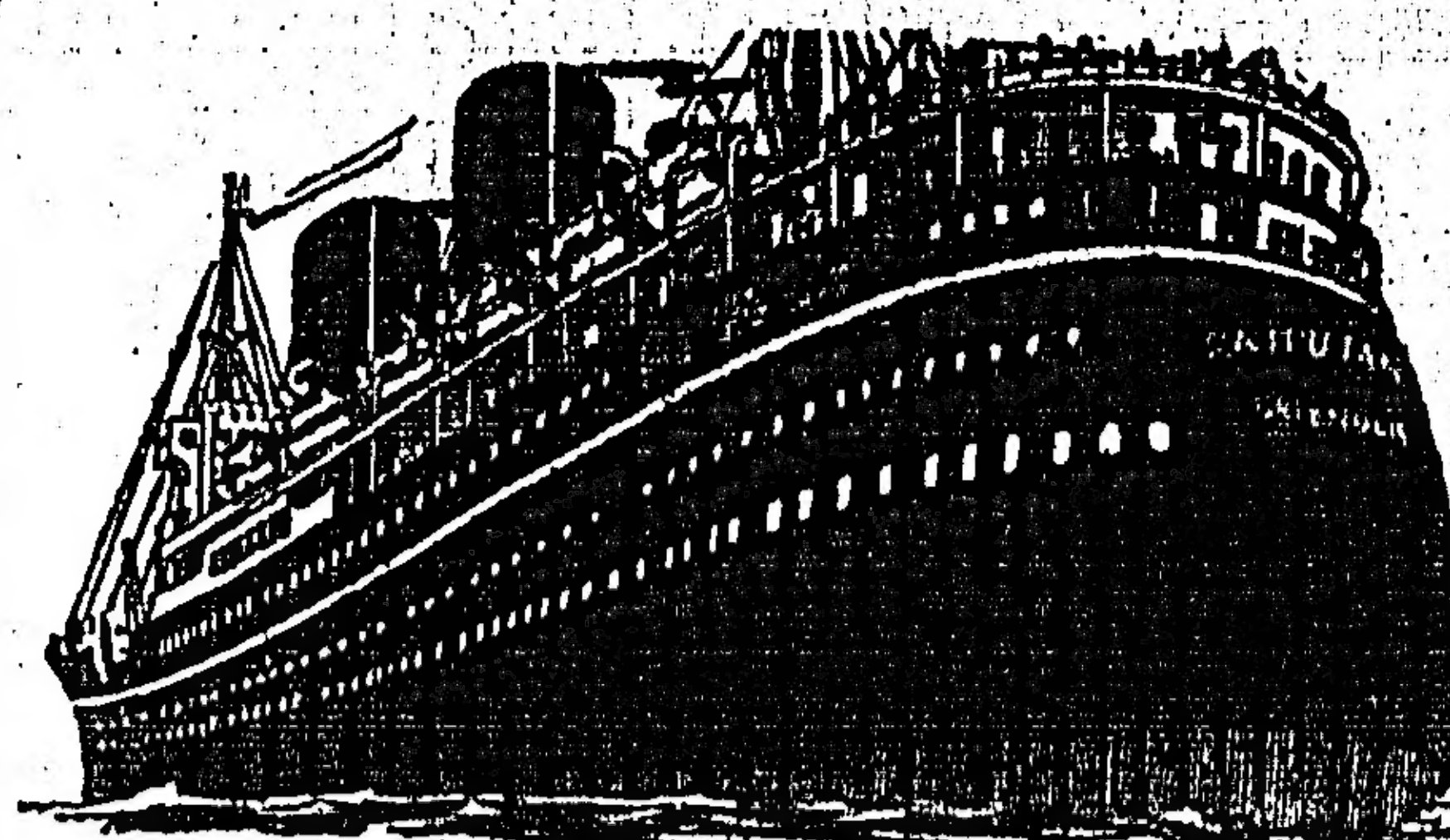
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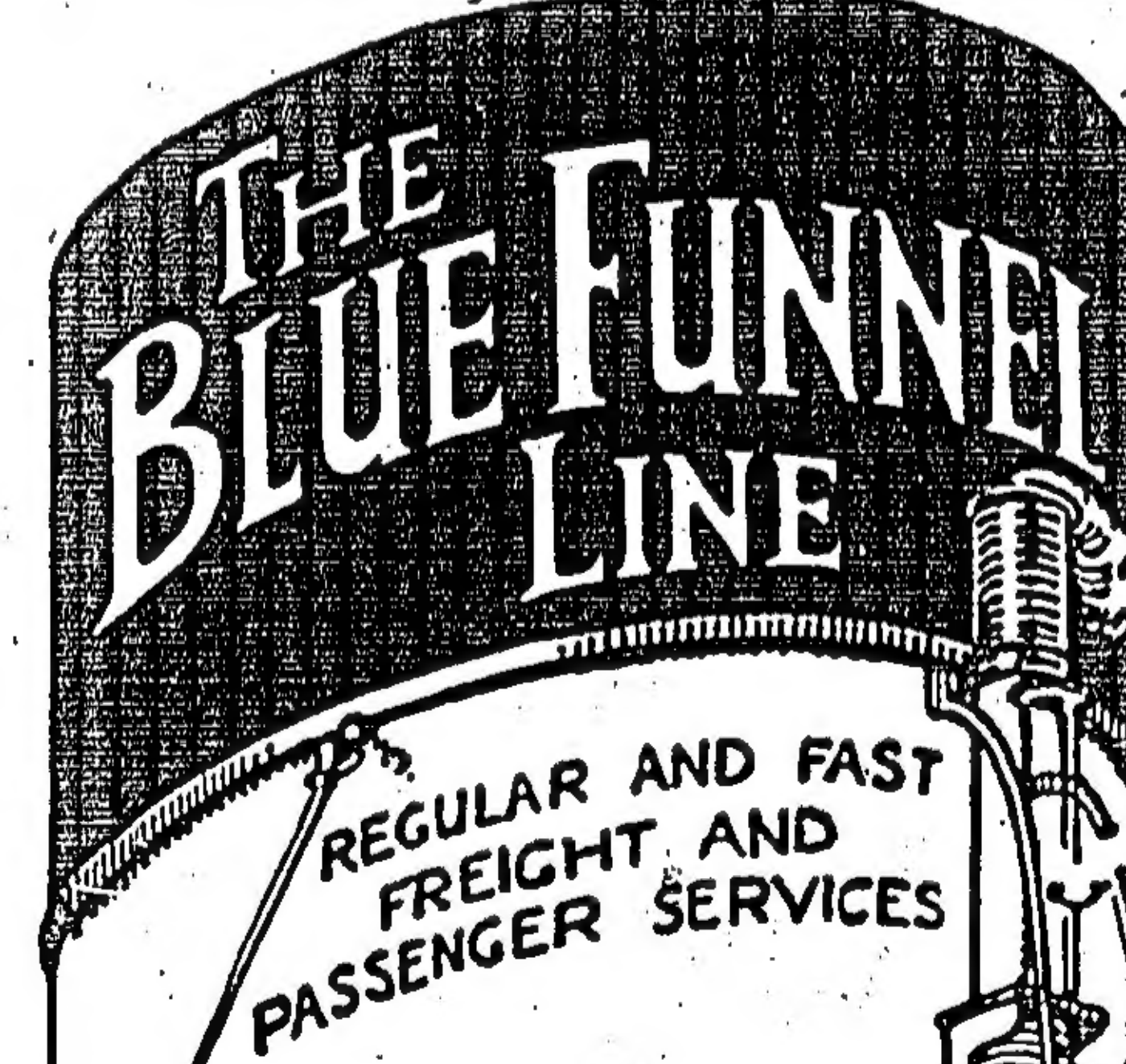
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